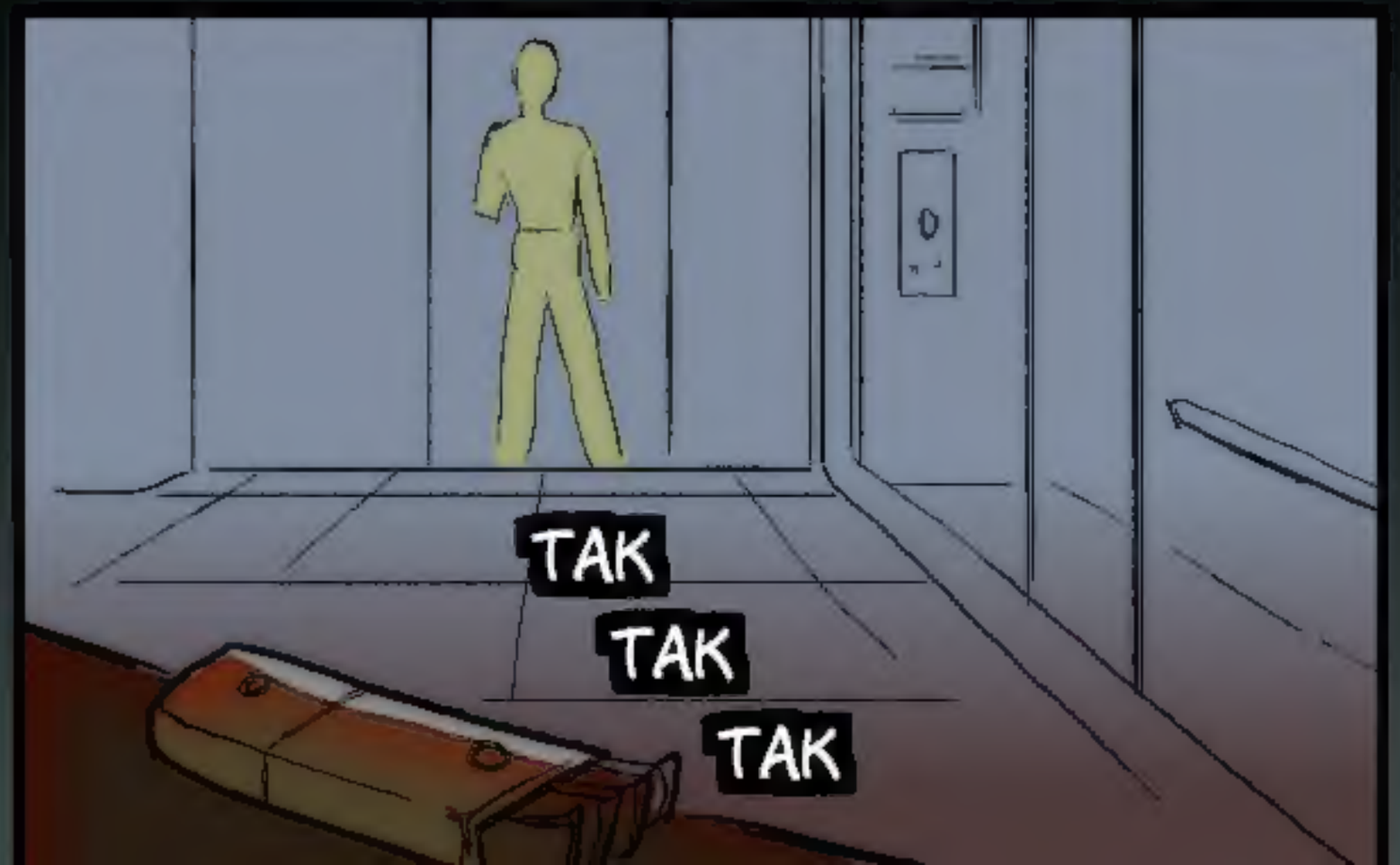
BZZZZZ

TWO YEARS AGO, WE WERE PUT IN COMPLETELY HOPELESS SITUATION.

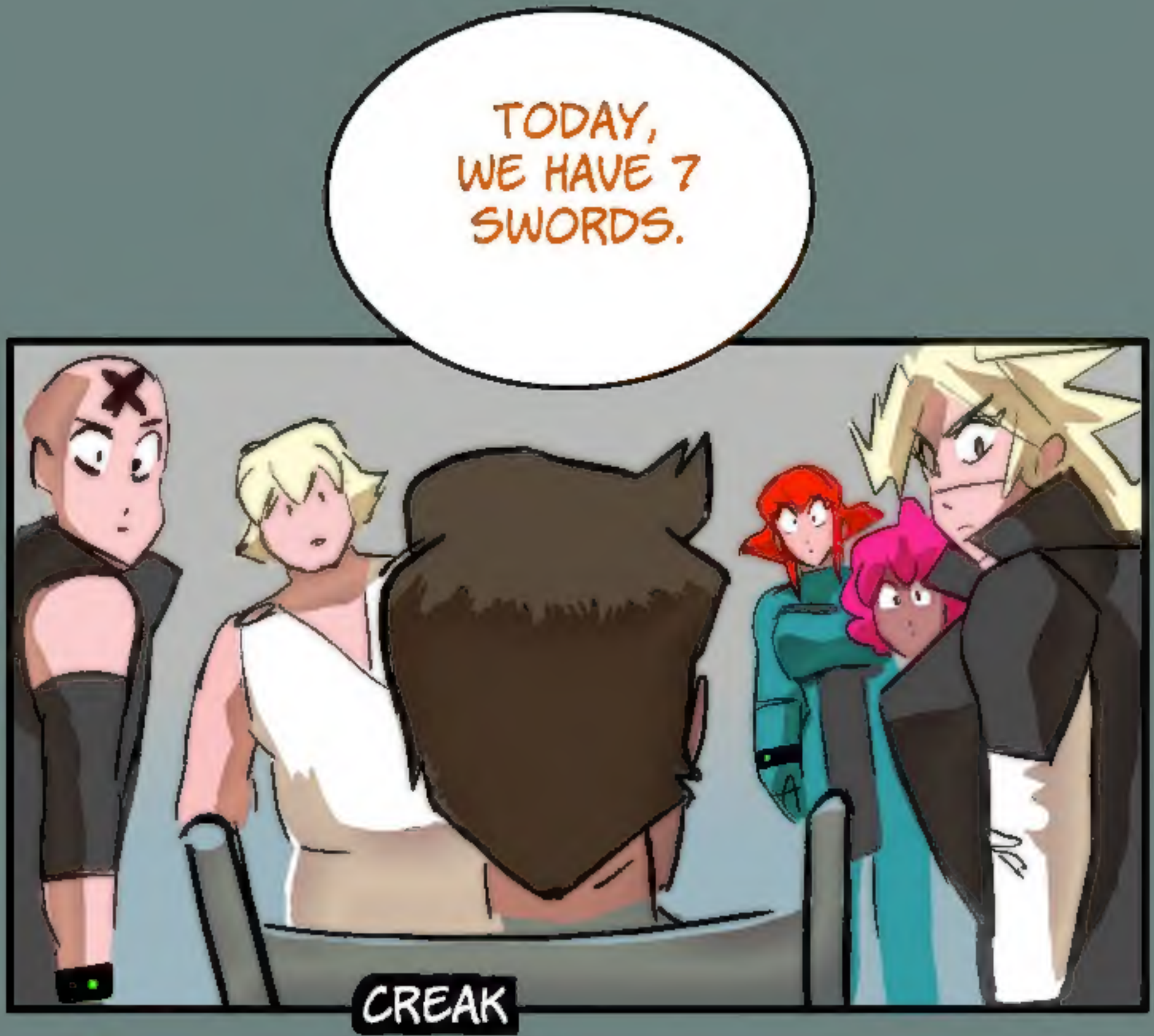
WE WERE BETRAYED BY SOMEONE WE TRUSTED.

WE
LOST LOVED
ONES.

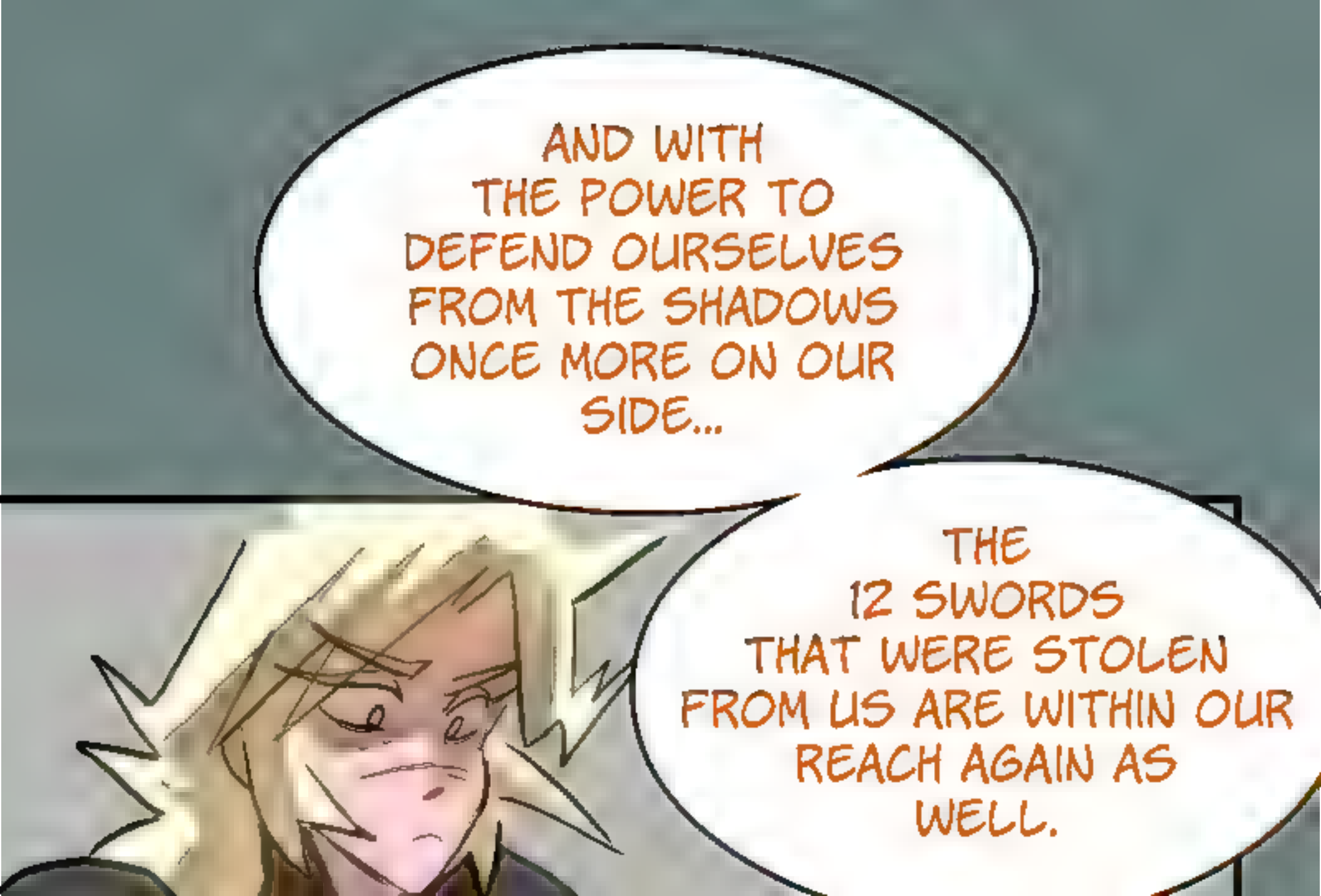
WE WERE TRAPPED, ALONE AND DEFENSELESS AGAINST OUR ENEMIES.



BUT
WE'RE CHANGING
OUR FATE.


TODAY, WE HAVE 7 SWORDS.
CREAK

CREAK
THAT'S ALREADY MORE THAN HALF OF WHAT WE HAD COLLECTED BEFORE THE INCIDENT.


AND WITH THE POWER TO DEFEND OURSELVES FROM THE SHADOWS ONCE MORE ON OUR SIDE...
THE 12 SWORDS THAT WERE STOLEN FROM US ARE WITHIN OUR REACH AGAIN AS WELL.

THERE ARE ONLY 5 MORE REALMS THAT MUST BE COMPLETED...
TODAY, RAGAN WILL BE LEADING THE MISSION FOR THE 8TH SWORD.
HOPE YOU ALL GOT YOUR BEAUTY SLEEP!

CLENCH
WE'RE ABOUT TO SHOW THIS REALM WHO THE *REAL* BOSSES ARE.

ROOM of SWORDS

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CHAPTER 82

"CLAIMING ALL OF MY LIVES"

LISTEN UP, I'M GOING TO CALL NAMES.
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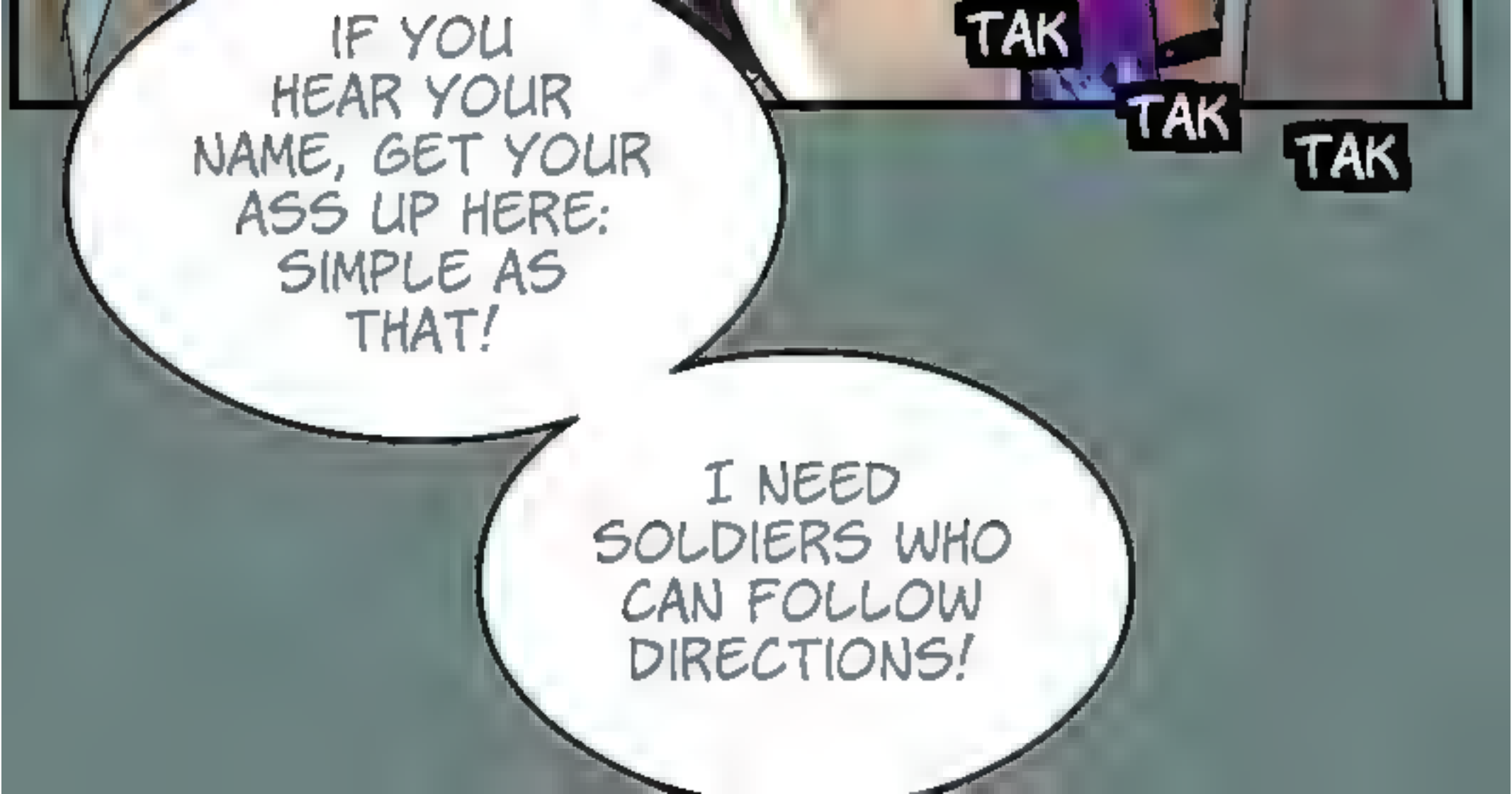

IF YOU HEAR YOUR NAME, GET YOUR ASS UP HERE: SIMPLE AS THAT!
I NEED SOLDIERS WHO CAN FOLLOW DIRECTIONS!
TAK
TAK
TAK

UGH,
WHY MUST
RAGAN OF ALL
PEOPLE BE THE
LEADER?

THE MISSIONS THAT RAGAN HAS LEAD HAVE HAD THE LOWEST CASUALTY RATES COMPARED TO ANY OTHER PARTY LEADER.

EXCEPT FOR GYRUS, WHEN HE USED TO LEAD, THEM...
BUT EVEN COMPARED TO HIS MISSIONS, RAGAN'S COMPLETION TIMES IN THE REALMS ARE WAY FASTER.

YEAH,
SHE MAY
BE ABRASIVE,
BUT SHE KNOWS
WHAT SHE'S
DOING.
HEY

LOOK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE...
SINCE RAGAN HATES YOU TWO, YOU WON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT BEING CHOSEN FOR MISSIONS.

JUST
TAKE IT EASY
AND LET US
HANDLE IT.

LOUNGING AROUND BEING USELESS DOES NOT APPEAL TO ME IN THE LEAST.

THERE ARE OTHER WAYS FOR YOU TO HELP OUT: MAYBE LEARN TO COOK OR SOMETHING.

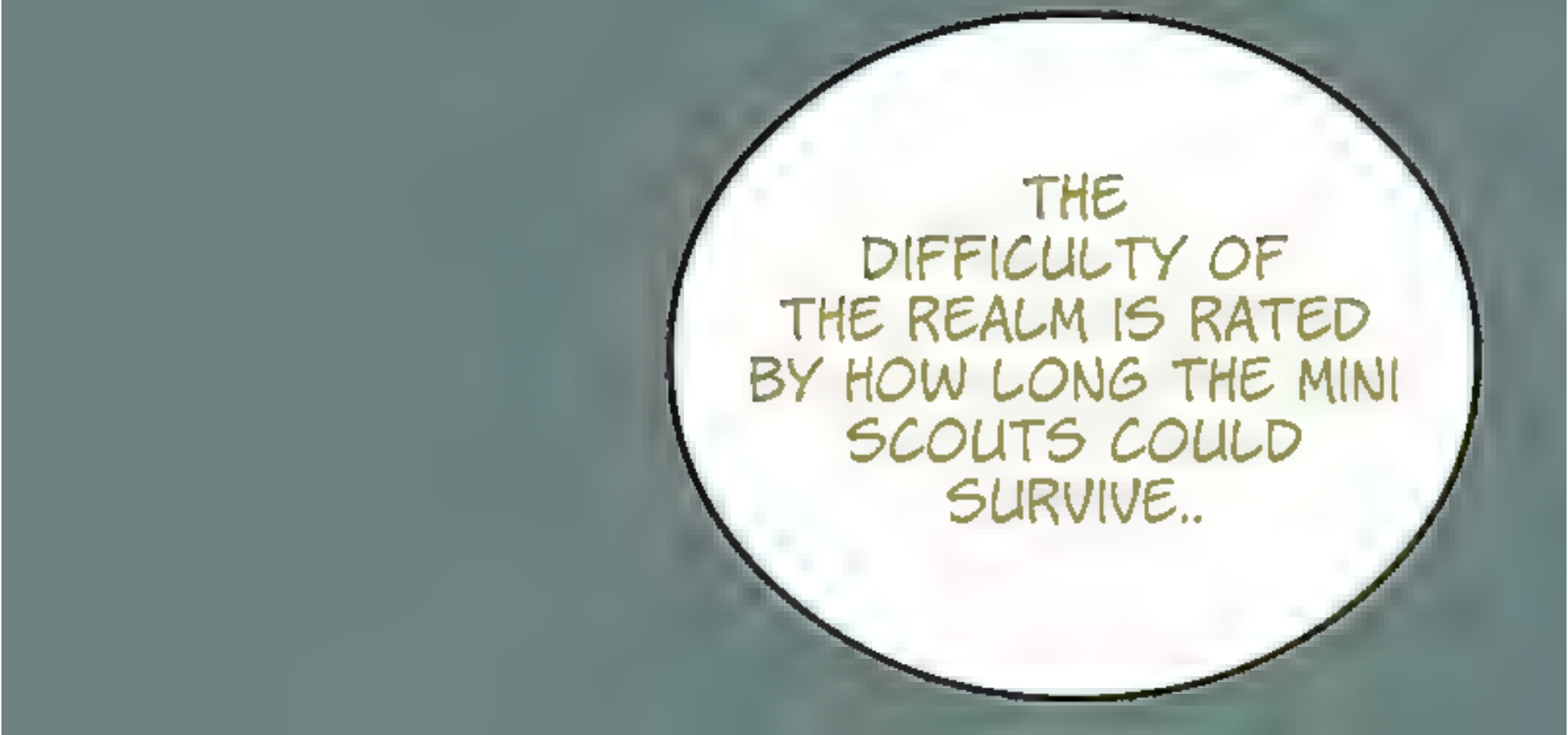
EXCUSE ME--
HE'S PROBABLY RIGHT, YA KNOW?

WE SAVED THESE REALMS FOR LAST FOR A REASON.

A FEW YEARS AGO, GYRUS SENT ALL THESE DEVICES CALLED "MINI SCOUTS" INTO THE REALMS TO LOOK AROUND.

IT'S A ONE WAY TRIP UNTIL YOU GET THE SWORD, SO SENDING A MACHINE TO GATHER INTEL WAS A LOT SAFER THAN SENDING A PERSON.

BUT WITH ALL OF THE HAZARDS IN THE REALMS, LET'S JUST SAY THE MINI SCOUTS DIDN'T LAST OUT THERE FOREVER.


THE DIFFICULTY OF THE REALM IS RATED BY HOW LONG THE MINI SCOUTS COULD SURVIVE..

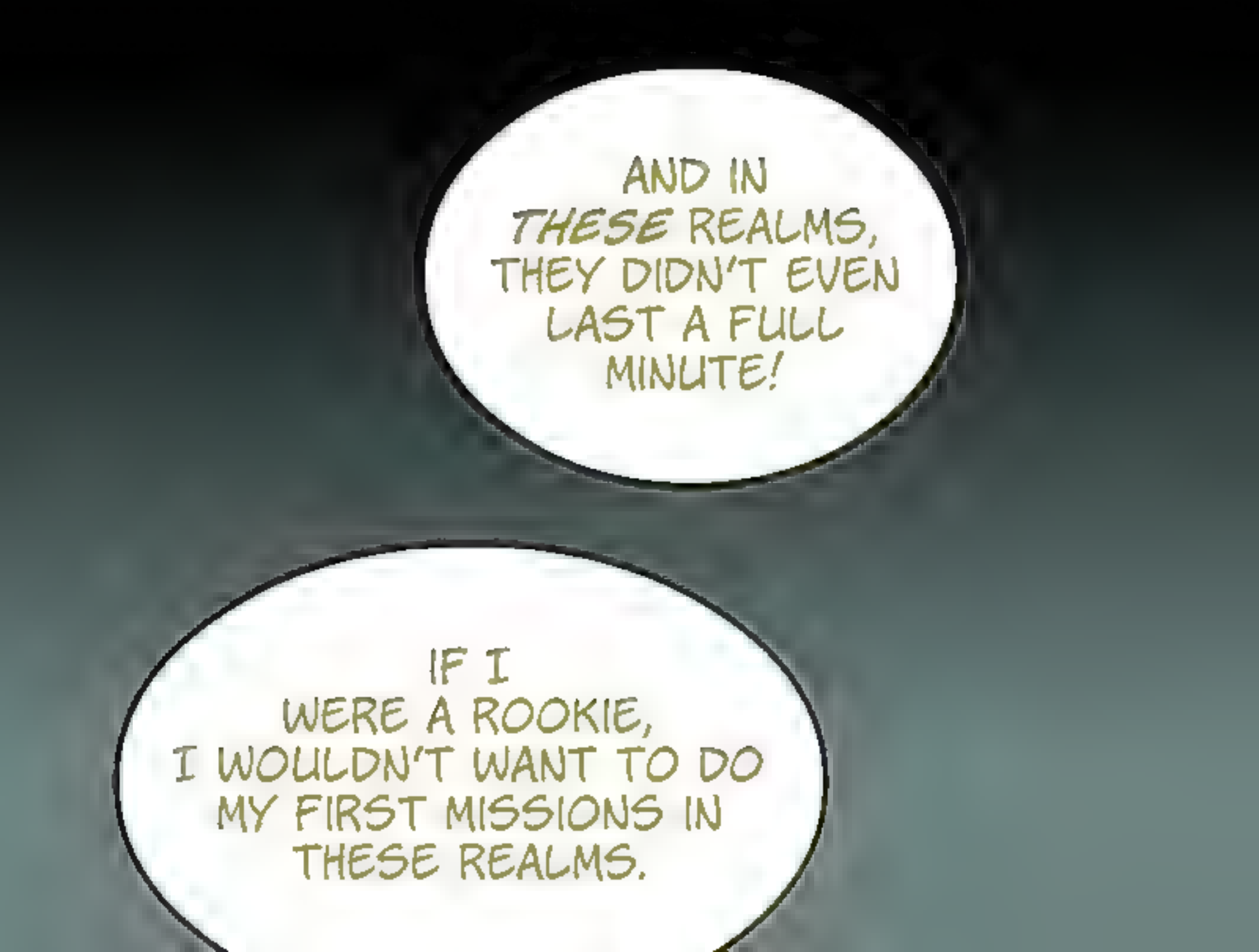
REALM 19
TEMPERATURE: 30°C
HUMIDITY: 80%

DANGER RATING: PERILOUS

S.C.O.U.T. LIFESPAN: 9:53 SECONDS

REPORT:

THIS ENVIRONMENT IS COMPRISED OF ABOUT 80% WATER. THERE IS ARE FAINT TRACES OF


AND IN
THESE REALMS,
THEY DIDN'T EVEN
LAST A FULL
MINUTE!
IF I
WERE A ROOKIE,
I WOULDN'T WANT TO DO
MY FIRST MISSIONS IN
THESE REALMS.

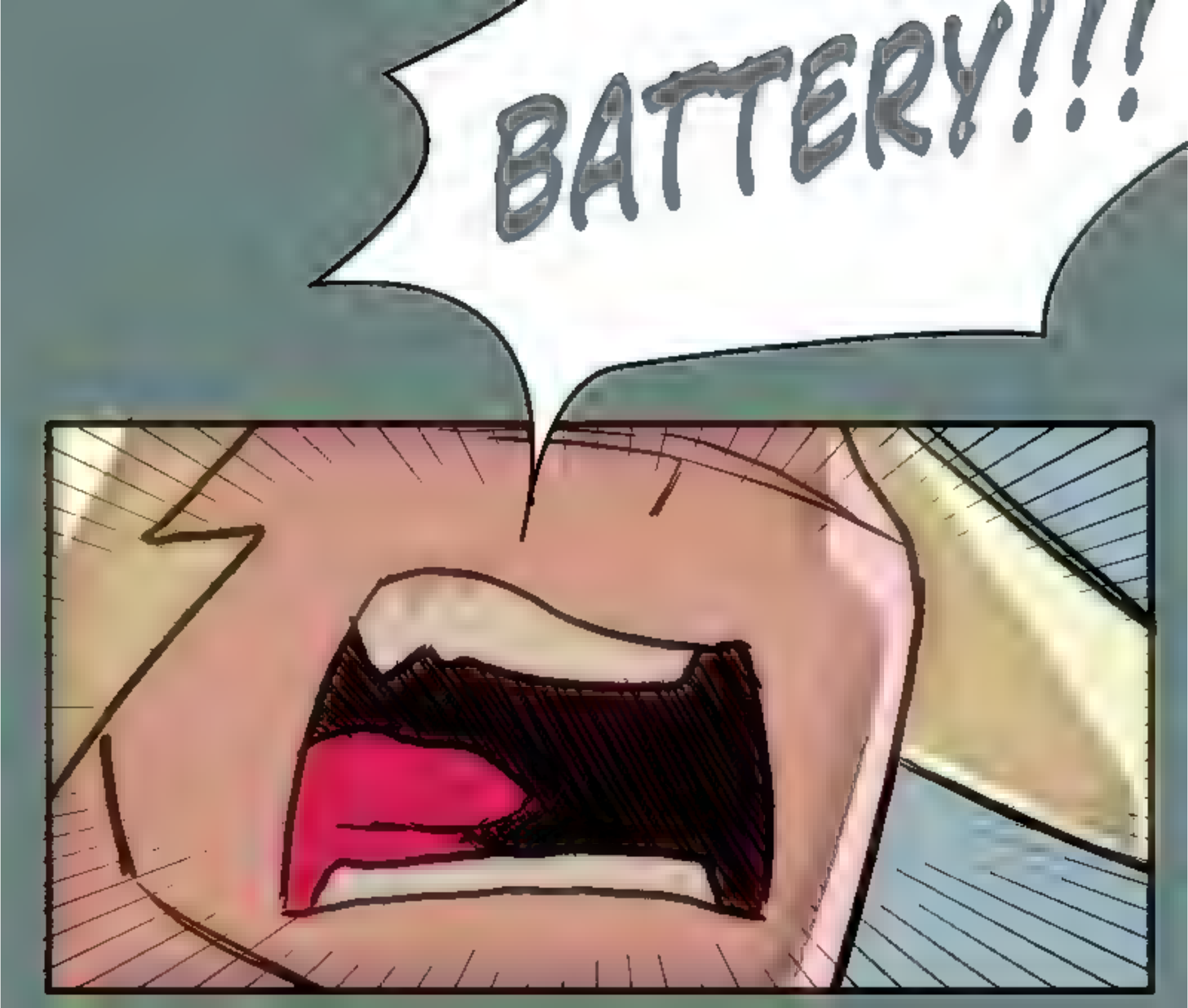
WE ARE
NOT AFRAID.

HEY!!!!

DID I SAY YOU COULD HAVE A PRIVATE CONVERSATION?!

AS I WAS SAYING, WHATEVER'S IN THIS REALM IS AGGRESSIVE, SO I NEED A TEAM OF HEAVY HITTERS.

FIRST UP....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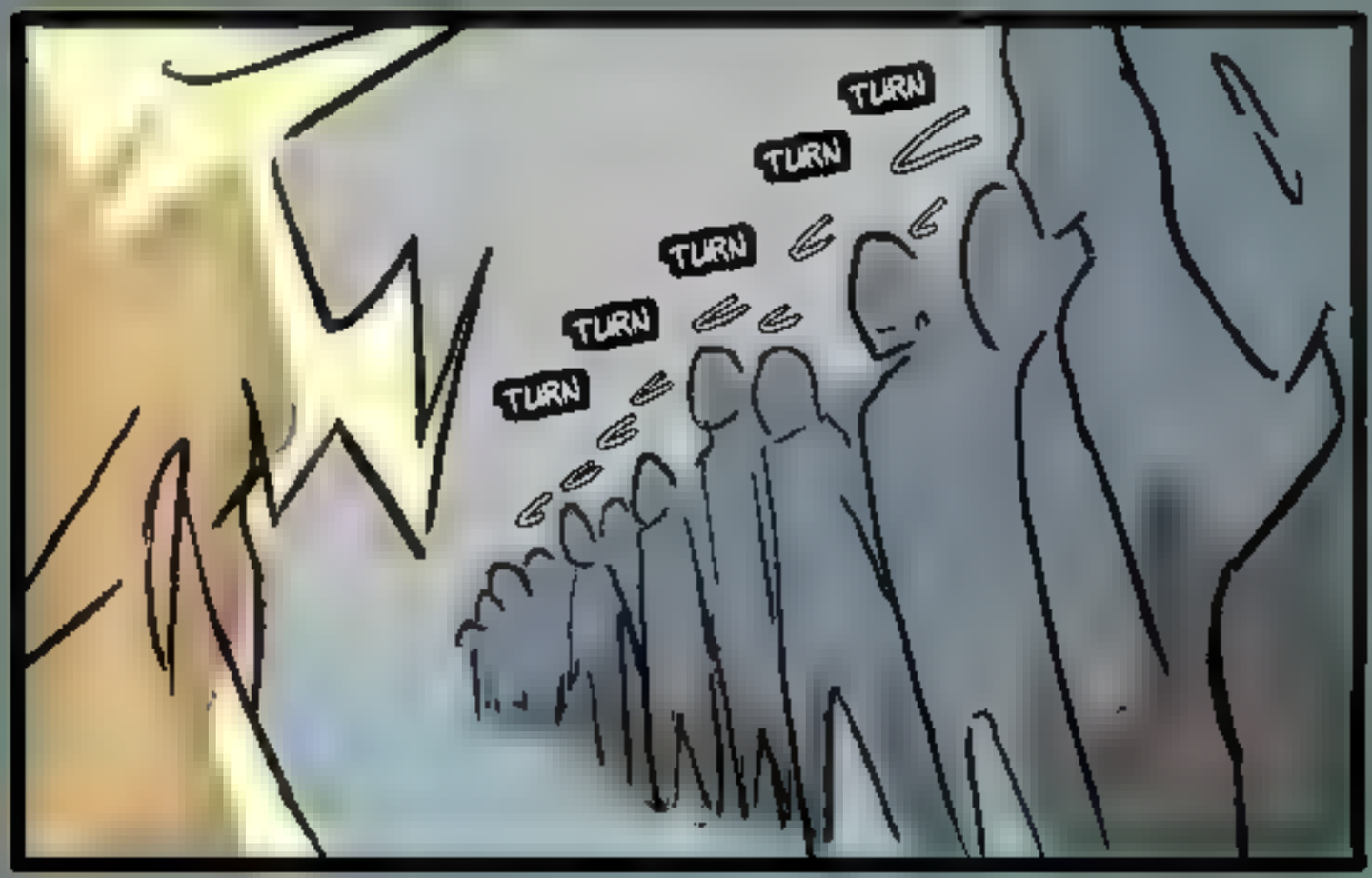
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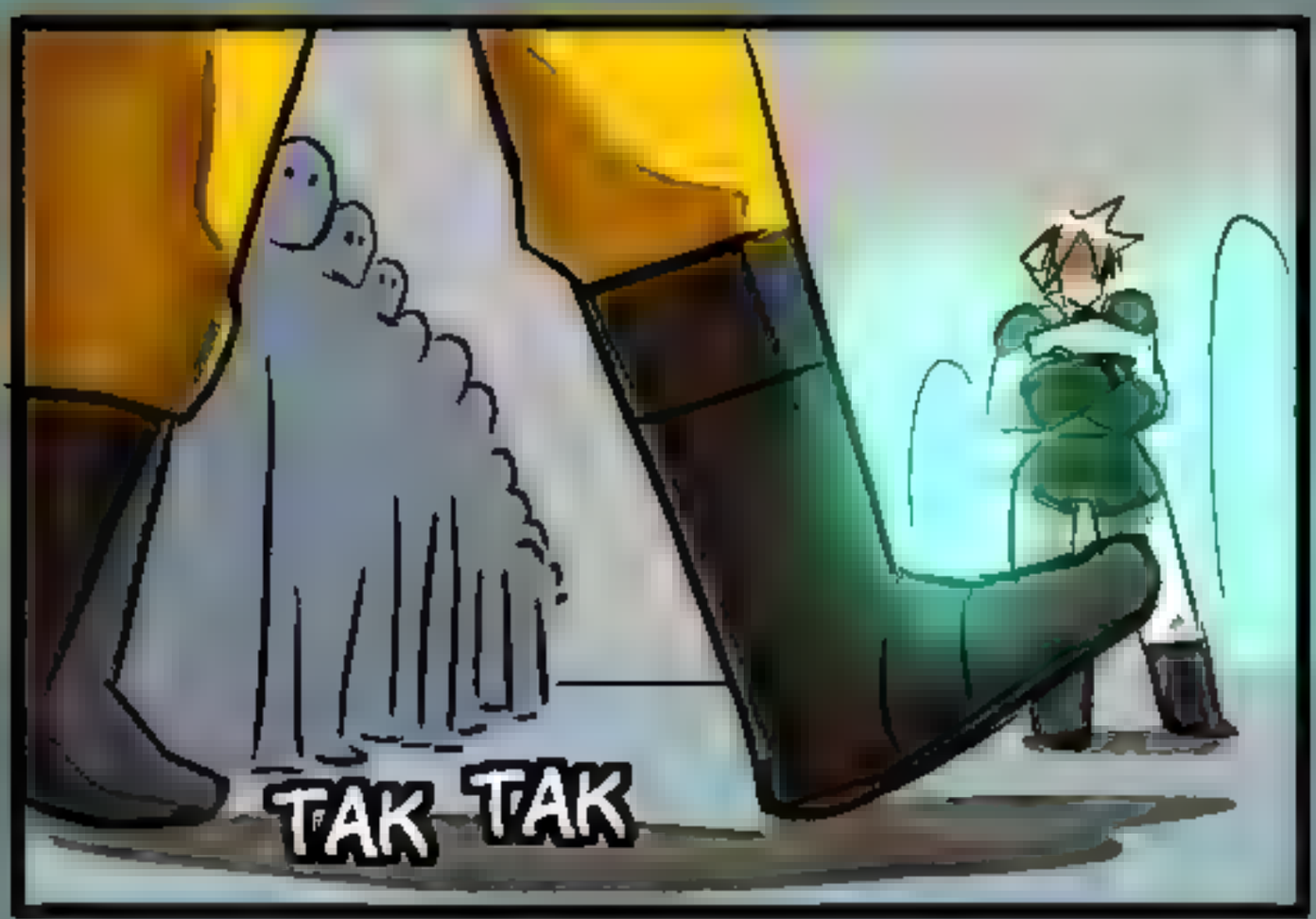
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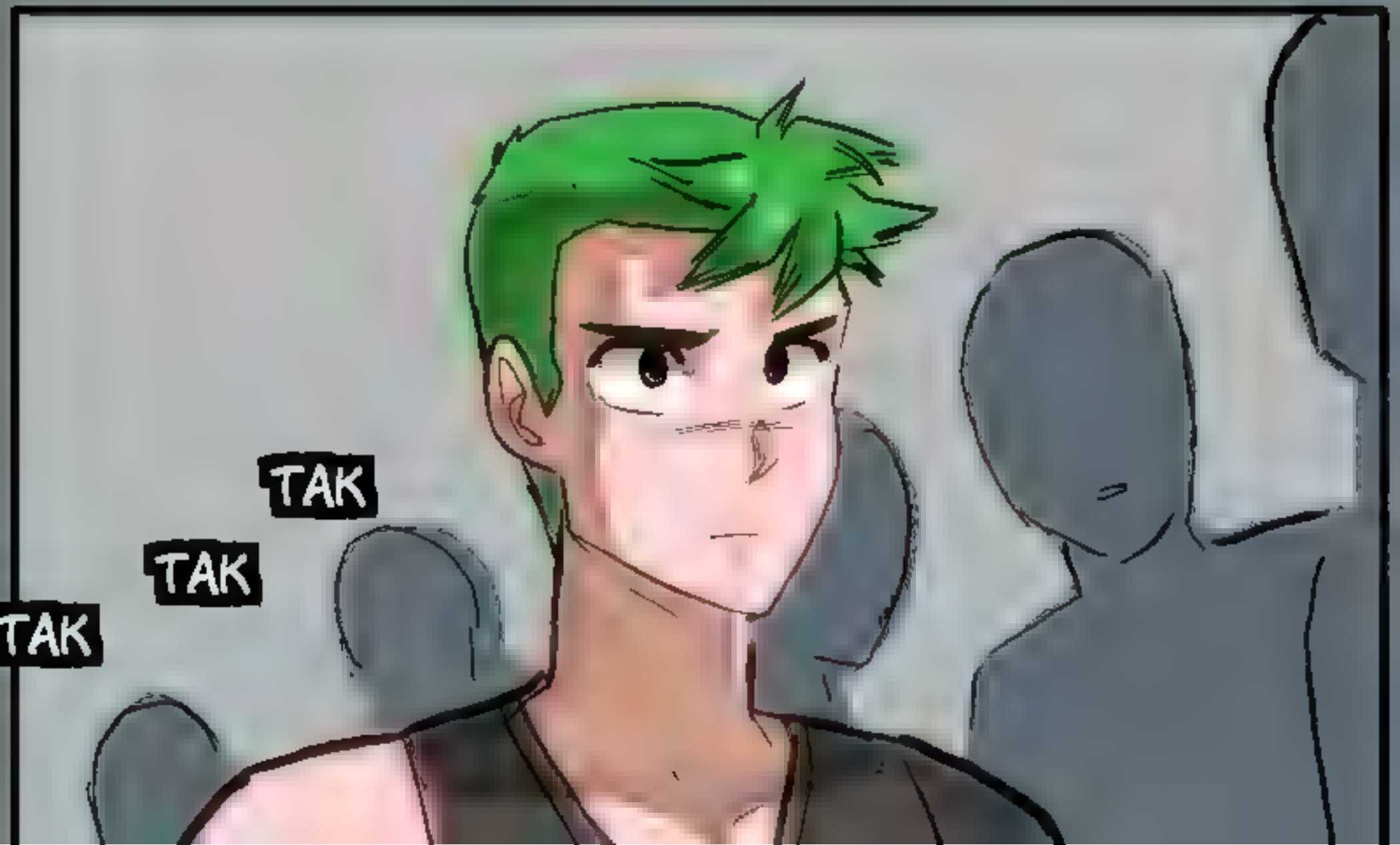
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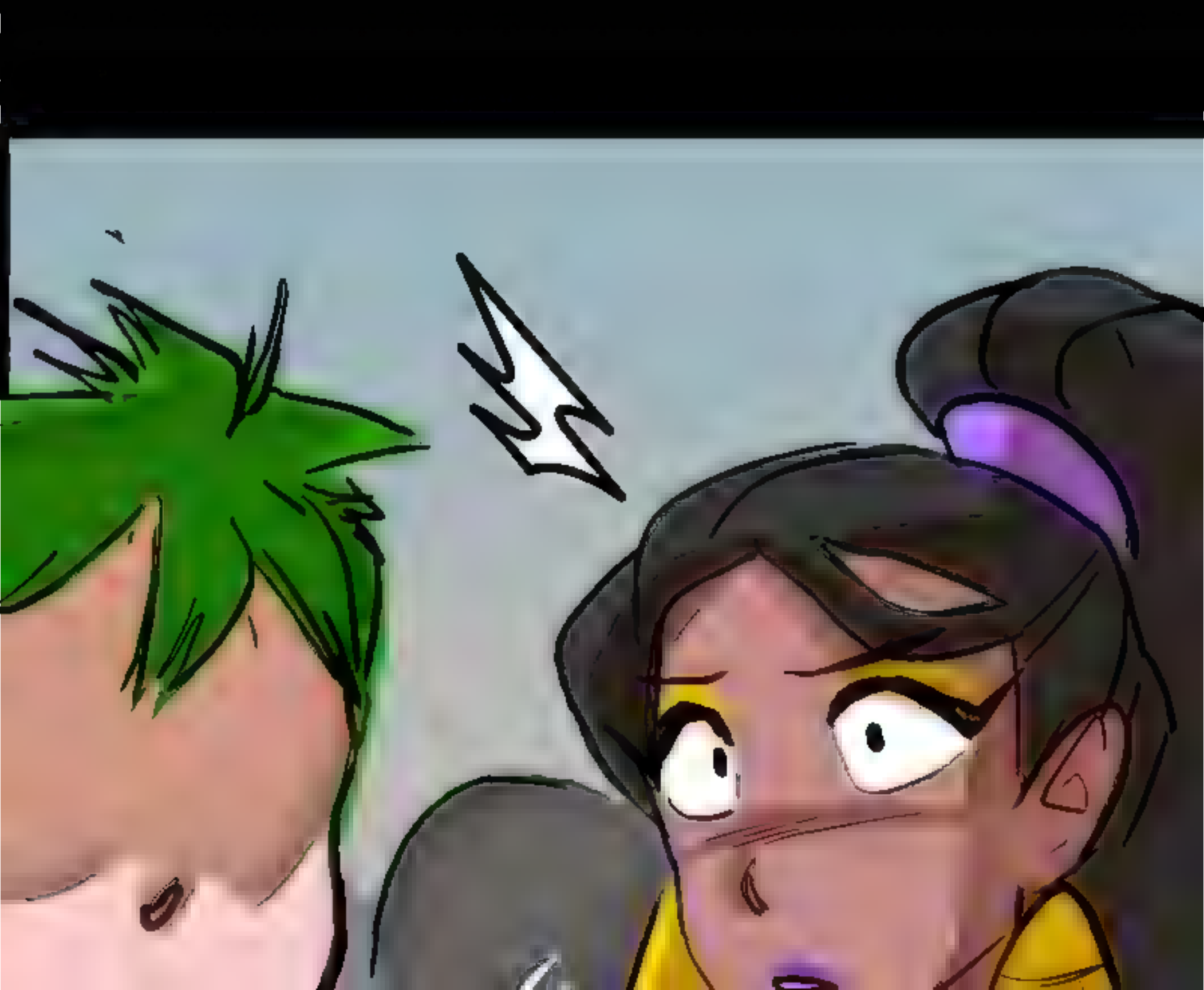


GYRUS?!

HE'S CHANGED...

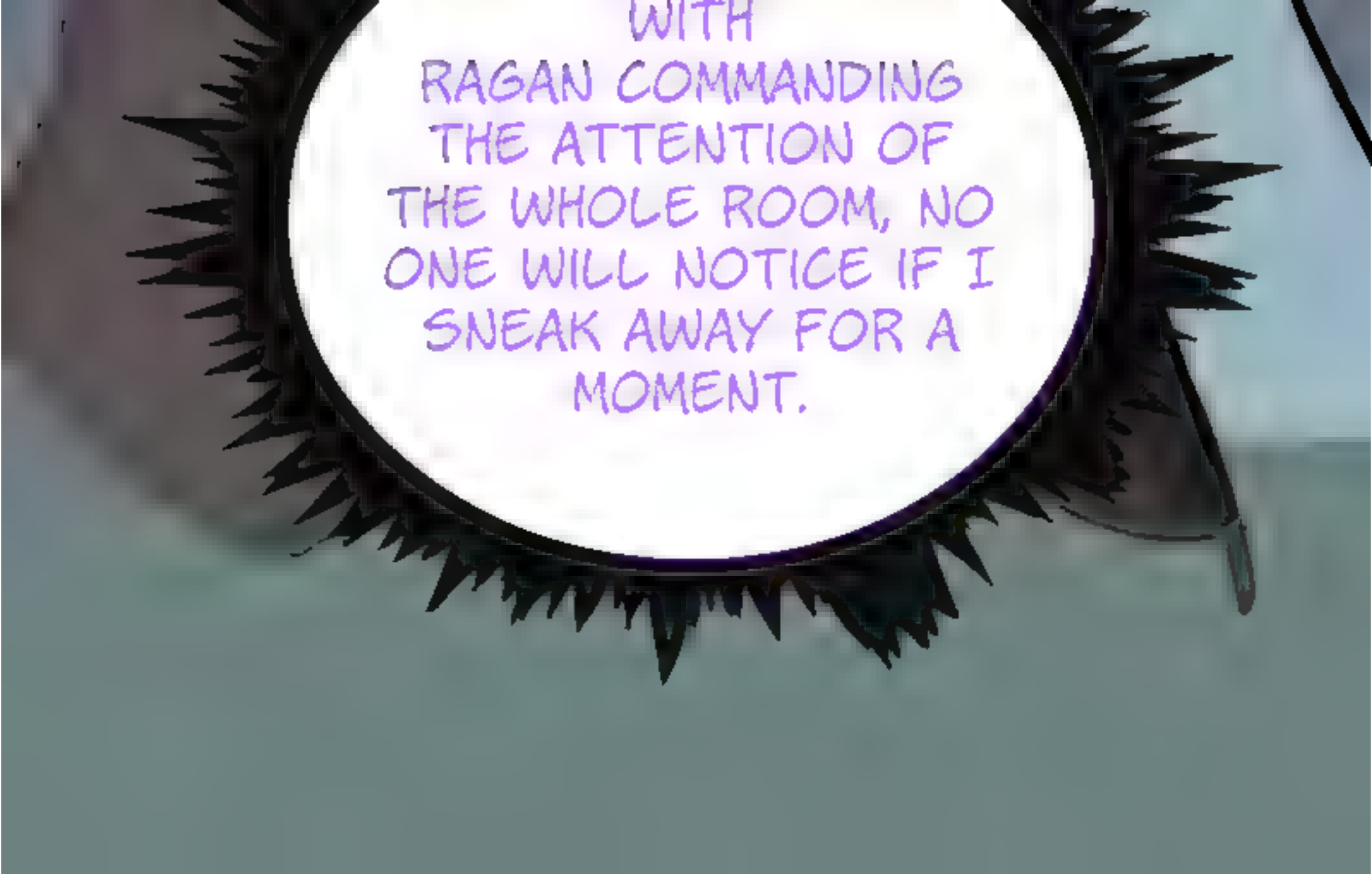
GLANCE

EVEN HIS AURA IS DIFFERENT...
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN...?

WELL WELL
WELL...

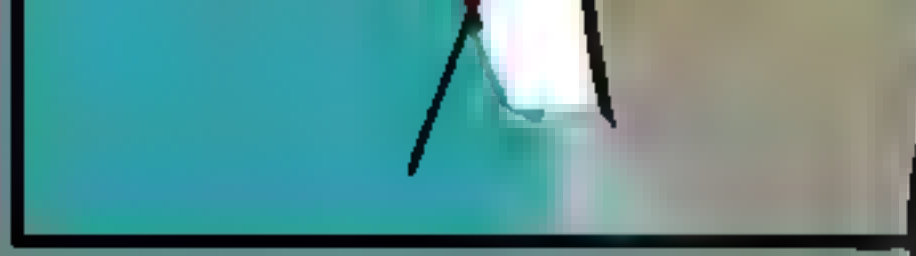
THAT'S DIFFERENT...

I HAVE TO CHECK ON SOMETHING.


WITH
RAGAN COMMANDING
THE ATTENTION OF
THE WHOLE ROOM, NO
ONE WILL NOTICE IF I
SNEAK AWAY FOR A
MOMENT.

I GUESS YOU MANAGED TO FIND A PAIR OF CLIPPERS THIS TIME AROUND.
...

OKAY, THAT'S TWO SPOTS TAKEN.



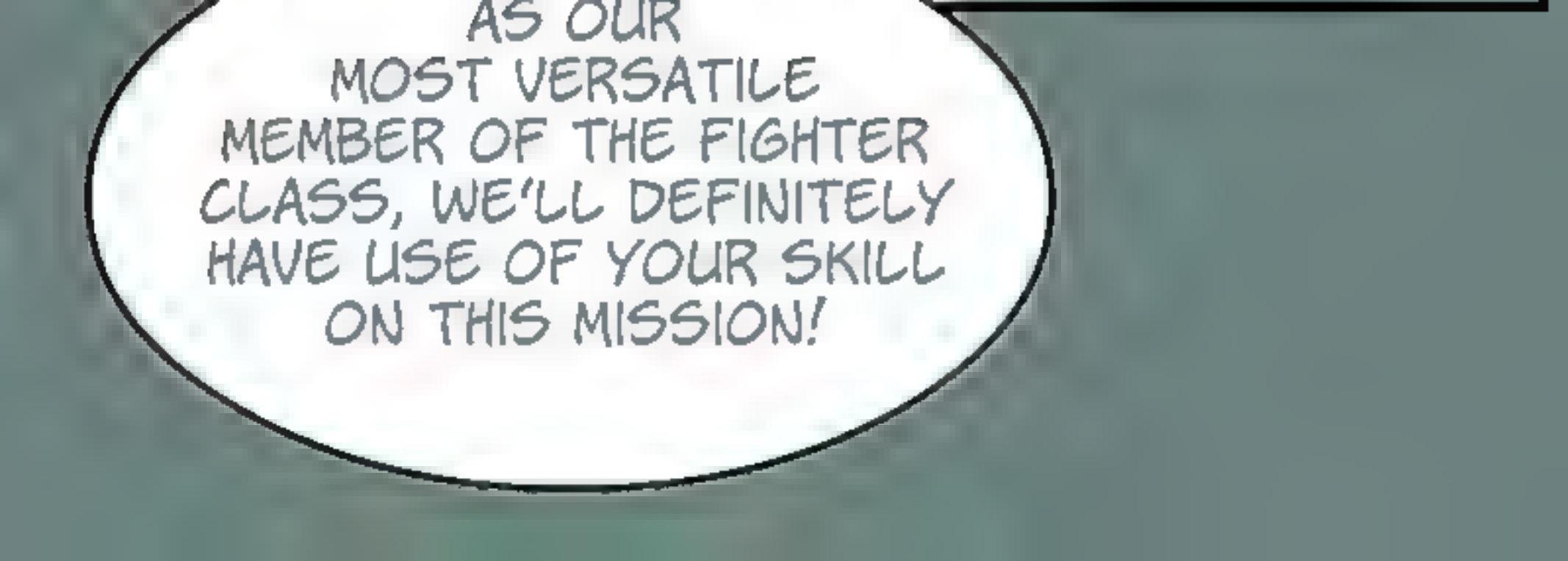
THESE REALMS MAY TAKEAN ARMY TO BEAT, BUT WE ONLY HAVE 7 SWORDS, SO LET'S MAKE THEM COUNT.

IS IT JUST MY IMAGINATION OR DOES HIS HAIR SEEM THE LEAST OF HIS TRANSFORMATION?

YES,
EXACTLY...
EVEN THOUGH HE IS
STANDING RIGHT
THERE, SOMEHOW HE
SEEMS QUITE
DISTANT.

HIS GAZE... IT'S ICY. AS THOUGH HE'S LOOKING RIGHT THROUGH US ALL...

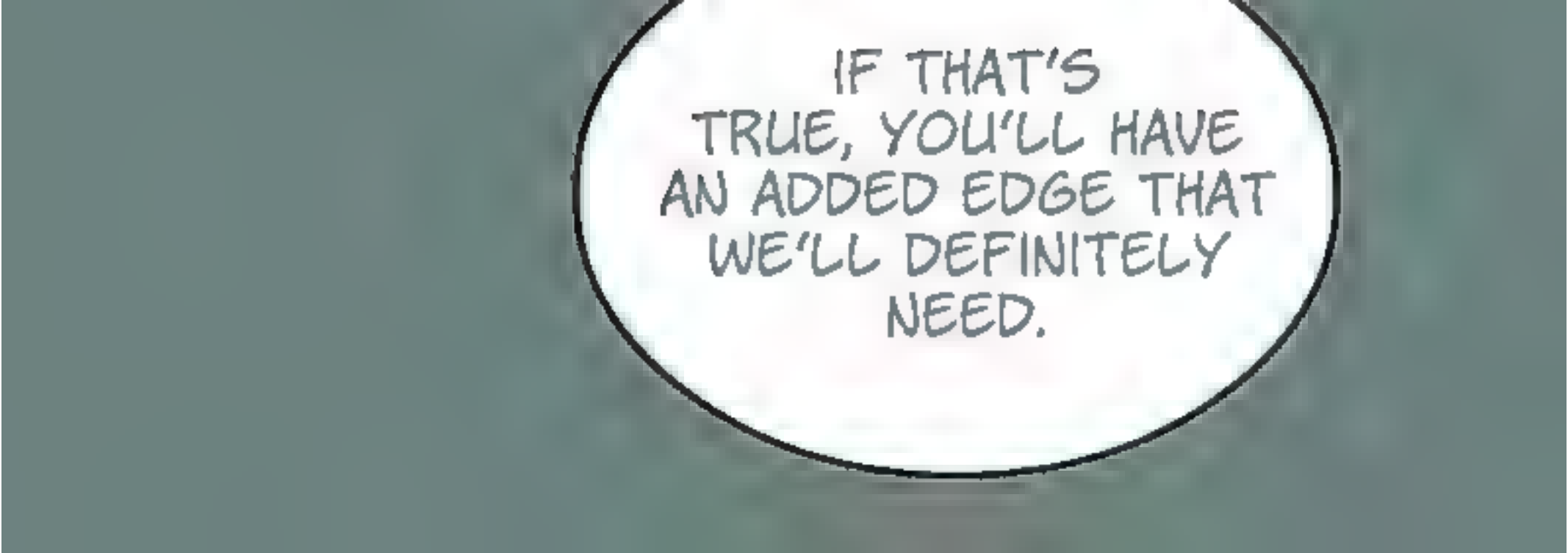
XINJU!


AS OUR
MOST VERSATILE
MEMBER OF THE FIGHTER
CLASS, WE'LL DEFINITELY
HAVE USE OF YOUR SKILL
ON THIS MISSION!

IT WILL BE MY HONOR.
SERIOUSLY??

!?
ANAN!

THE REPORT FROM THIS REALM SAYS THE TERRAIN IS MOSTLY WATER.
TAK
TAK
TAK


IF THAT'S TRUE, YOU'LL HAVE AN ADDED EDGE THAT WE'LL DEFINITELY NEED.

AS WE KNOW, THESE ARE TWIST REALMS.
TAK
TAK

SO WE'LL NEED A FEW TRICKS UP OUR SLEEVES TOO.

ALL OF THE REALM CLUSTERS HAVE SOMETHING IN COMMON ABOUT THE TYPE OF CHALLENGES INSIDE OF THEM.

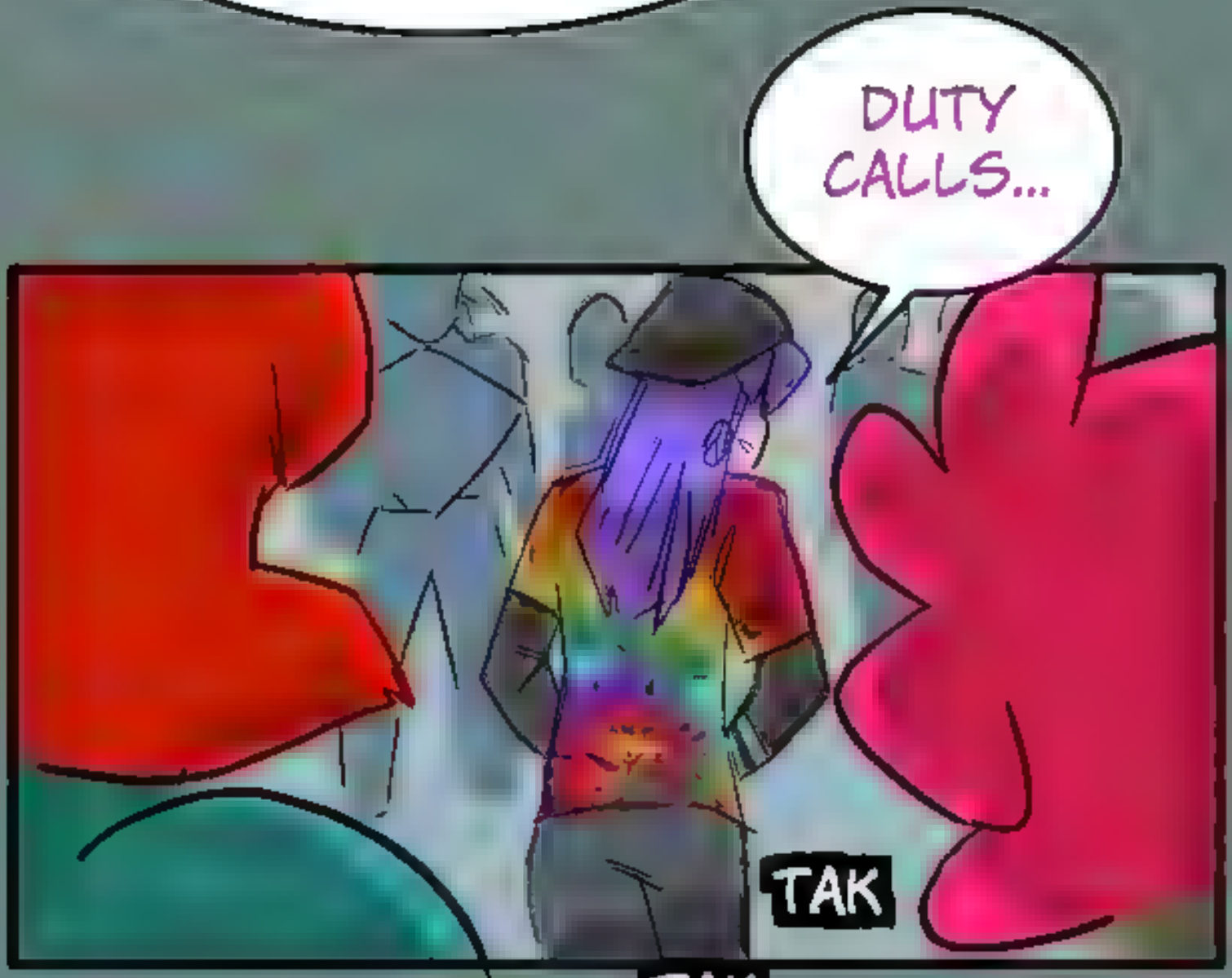
FOR EXAMPLE, WE CALL THE TRUTH OR DARE HALL A "MENTAL REALM".

BECAUSE ALL REALMS IN THAT CLUSTER FEATURE PSYCHOLOGICAL CHALLENGES.

AND THIS CLUSTER SEEMS TO FEATURE CHALLENGES WITH SOME KIND OF TWIST...

...BASED ON THE PURPLE GIANT REALM YOU CAME FROMAND THE TOWER CLIMBING REALM WE JUST FINISHED.

FEATHER!


DUTY CALLS...
TAK
TAK
TAK

AND THAT CONCLUDES MY CHOICES.

PHEW!
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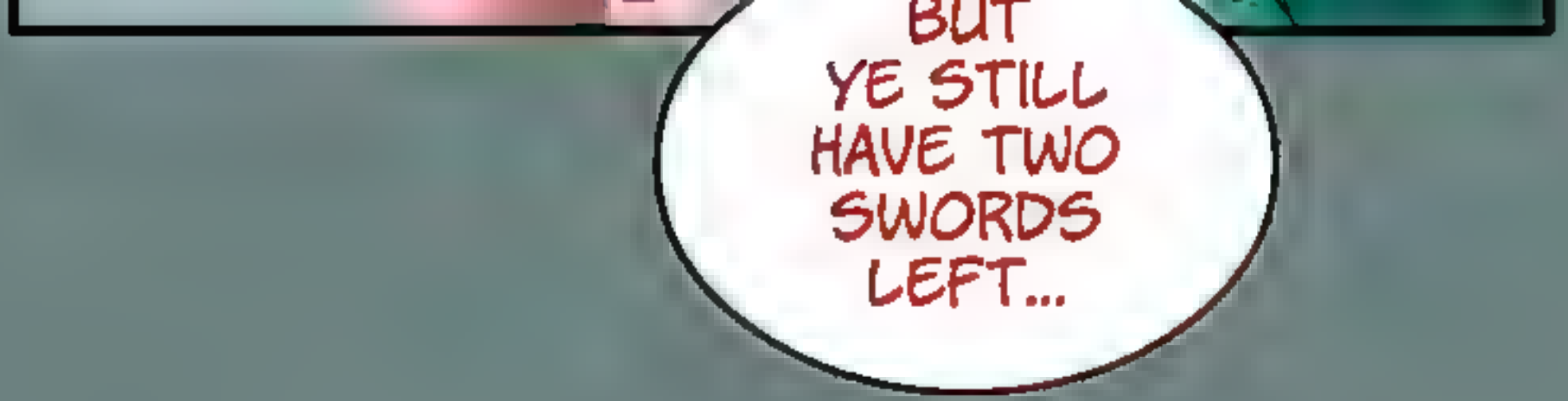
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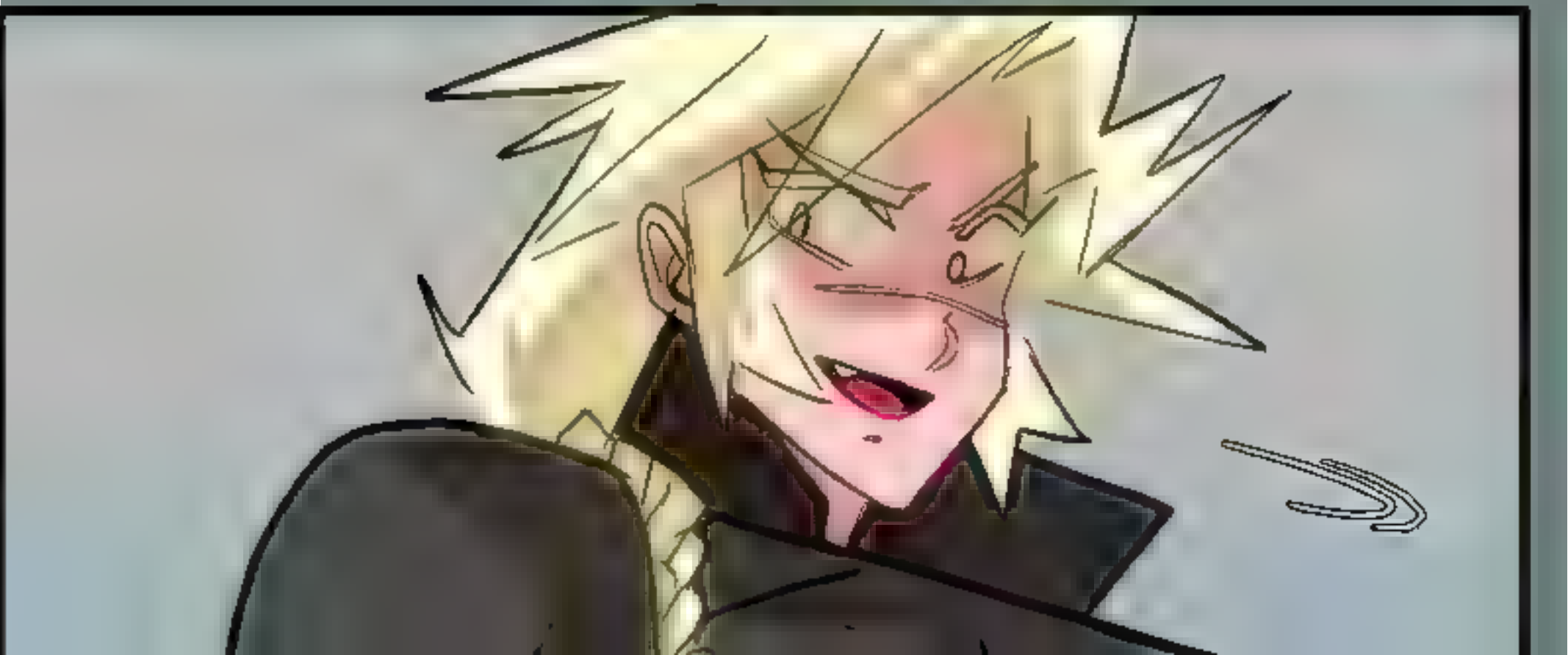
YE STILL
HAVE TWO
SWORDS
LEFT...



YES,
BUT MY
CHOICES ARE
THE 5 PEOPLE
STANDING UP
HERE.

THAT'S BECAUSE RAGAN HAS ALLOWED ME TO CHOOSE A COUPLE PARTICIPANTS FOR THIS MISSION AS WELL.

OUR NEWEST MEMBERS HAVE BEEN SHOWING SOME VERY PROMISING SKILLS DURING TRAINING.

TORI AND SYLVIA WILL JOIN RAGAN'S TEAM FOR THEIR FIRST RUN.

YEA!!
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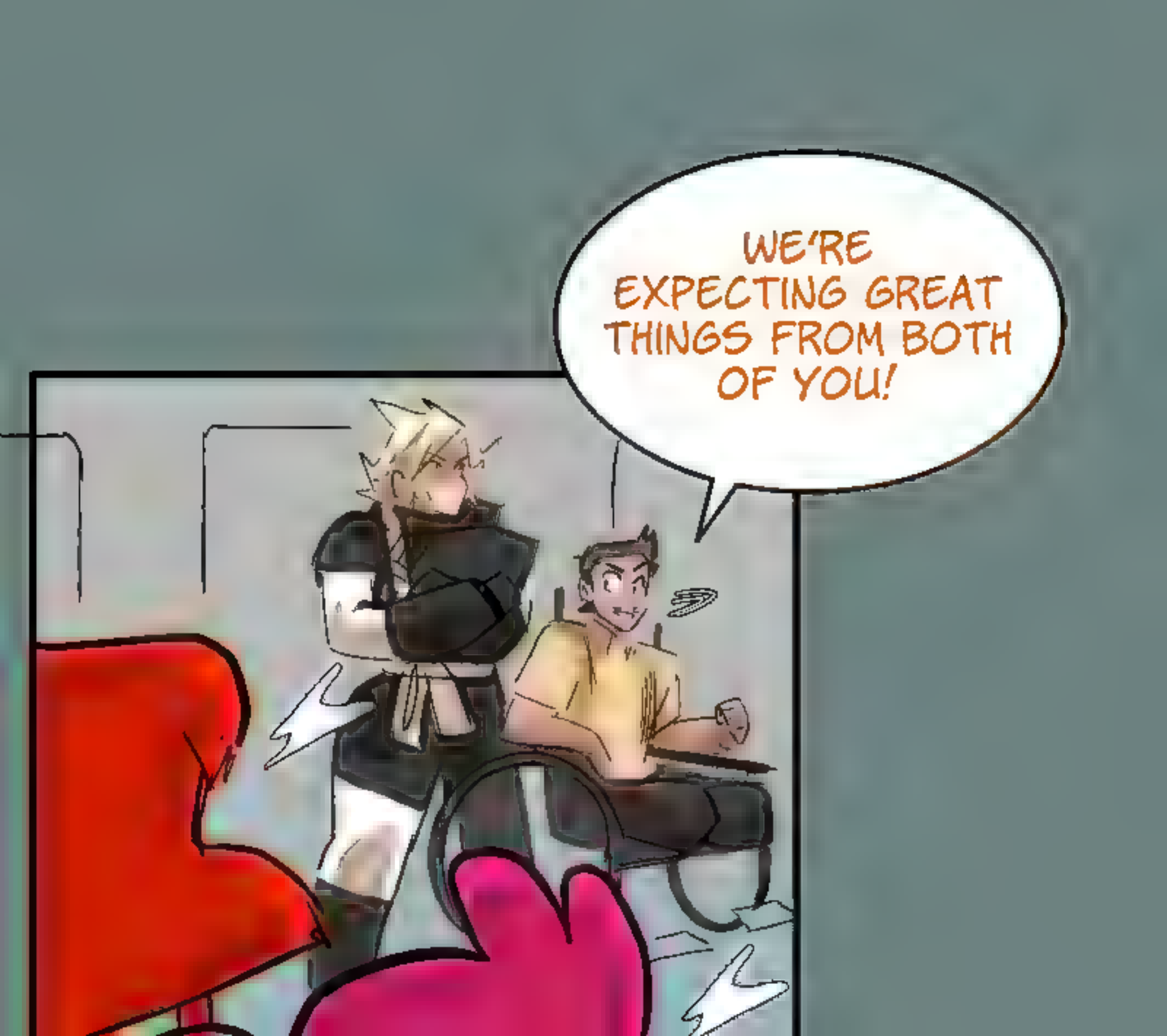
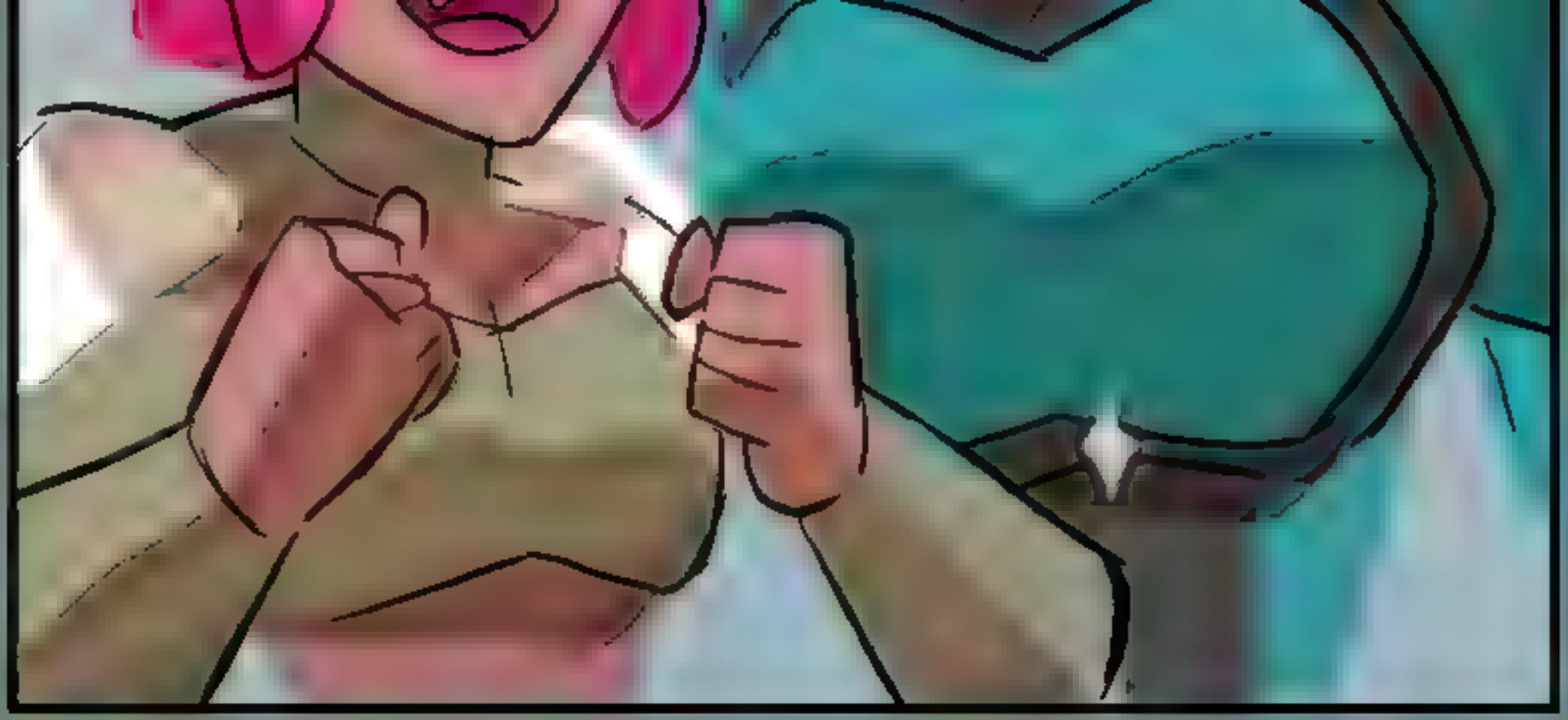
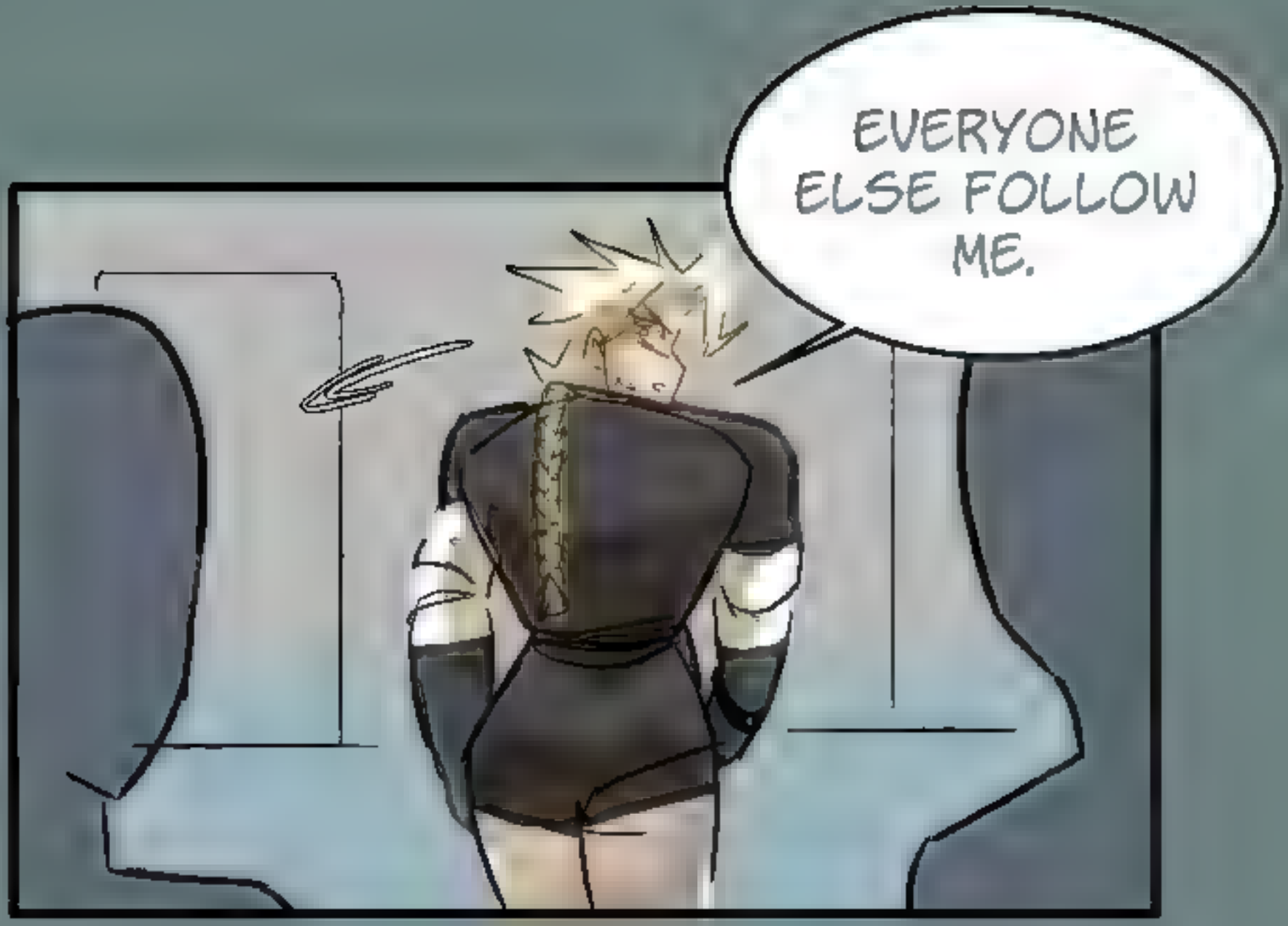

WE'RE EXPECTING GREAT THINGS FROM BOTH OF YOU!



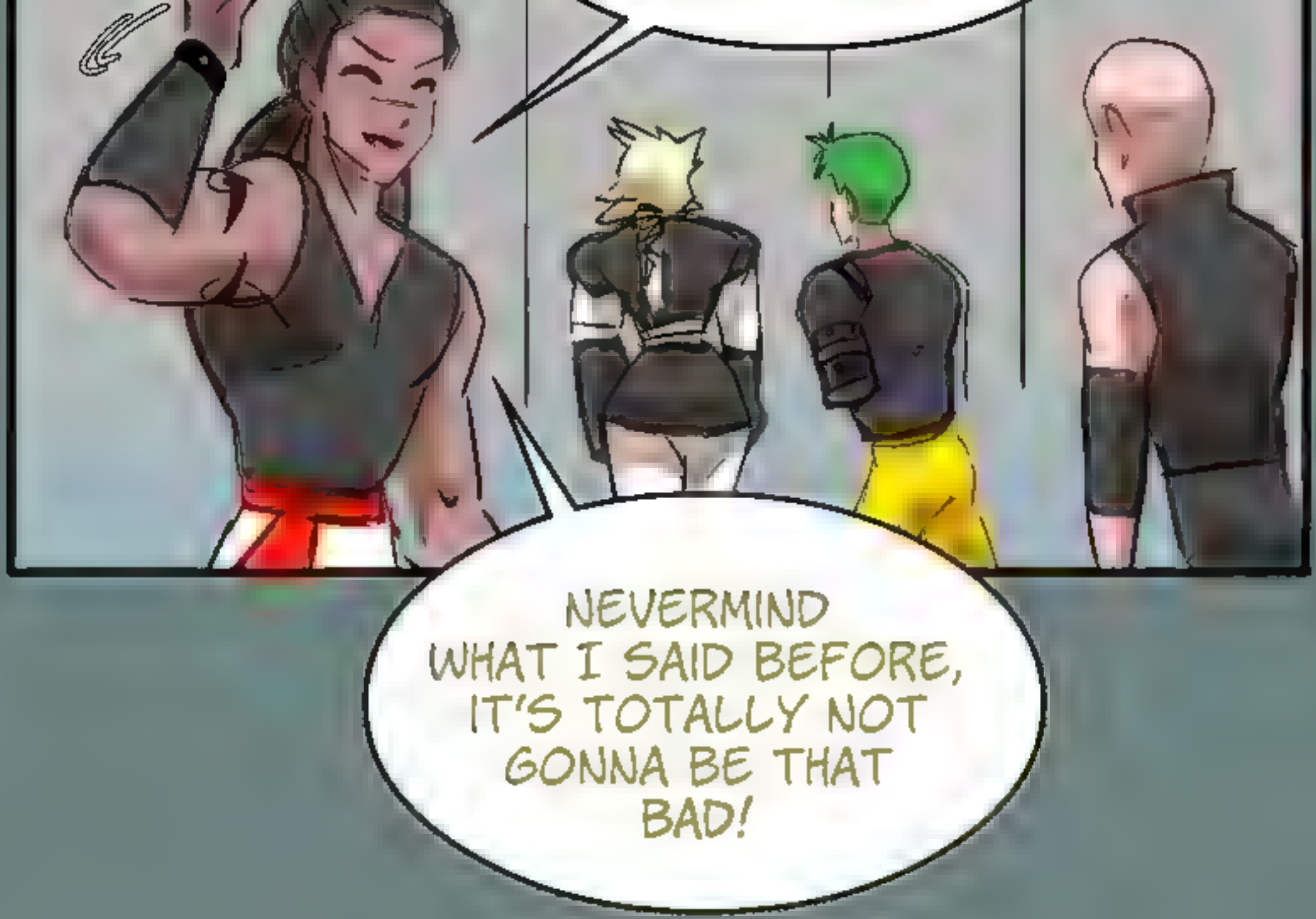
YEAH, YEAH.
EVERYONE'S IMPORTANT OR WHATEVER.

THE REST OF YOU WILL STAY HERE WITH DON TO RUN SURVEILLANCE AND SUPPORT IN CASE OF EMERGENCIES.

THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR YOUR HELP!
I KNOW IT'S NOT AS GLAMOROUS, BUT YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS WILL BE KEY TO OUR SUCCESS AS WELL.


EVERYONE ELSE FOLLOW ME.

CONGRATULATIONS, ROOKIES, YOUR FIRST ADVENTURE!


NEVERMIND WHAT I SAID BEFORE, IT'S TOTALLY NOT GONNA BE THAT BAD!

AH, BUT IF YOU'RE SCARED, I'LL LOOK OUT FOR YOU!

LOOK, THERE'S ROOM FOR TWO LOVELY LADIES RIGHT HERE UNDER MY ARMS!

DUCK

NO
THANKS.

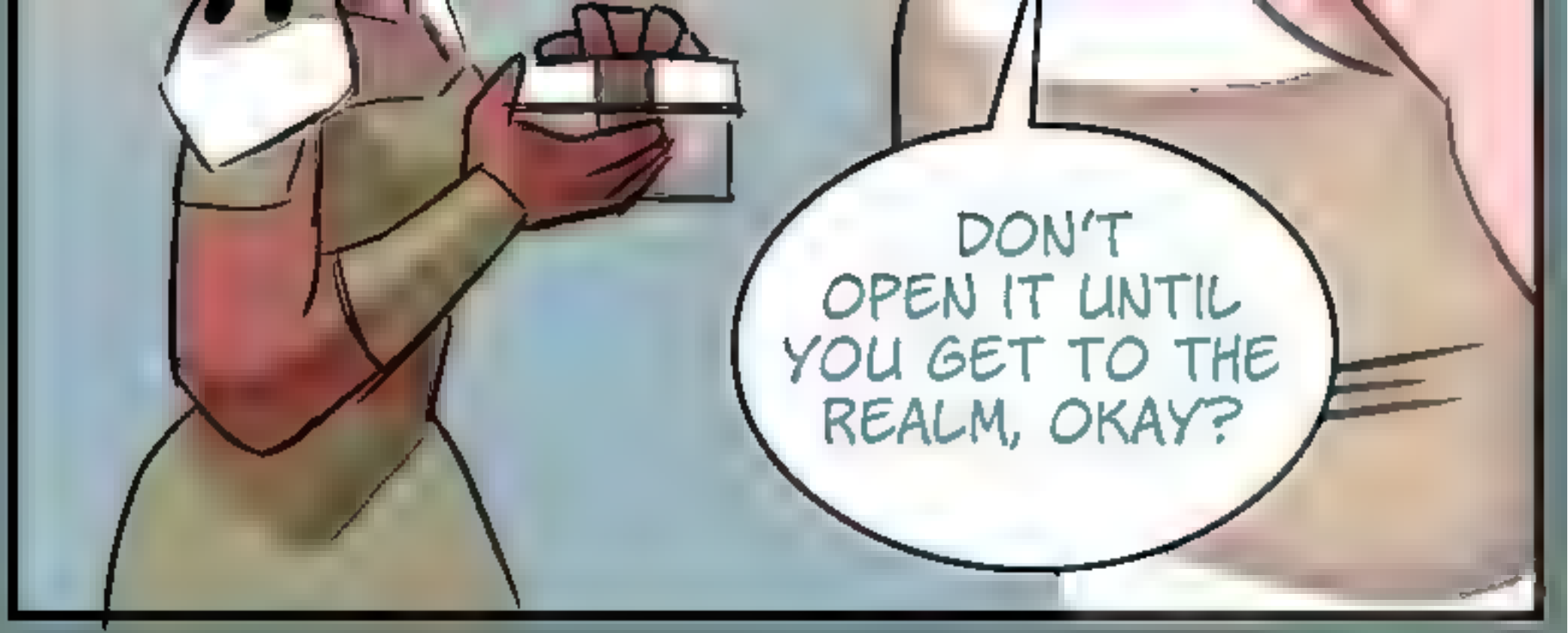
TAP
TAP

UH,
HEY... I JUST WANTED TO SAY GOOD LUCK OUT THERE AND...

WELL,
I WAS PLANNING
ON SAVING IT,
BUT...

I MADE
THIS FOR
YOU!

O-OH,
BUT...
RUB
RUB


DON'T OPEN IT UNTIL YOU GET TO THE REALM, OKAY?

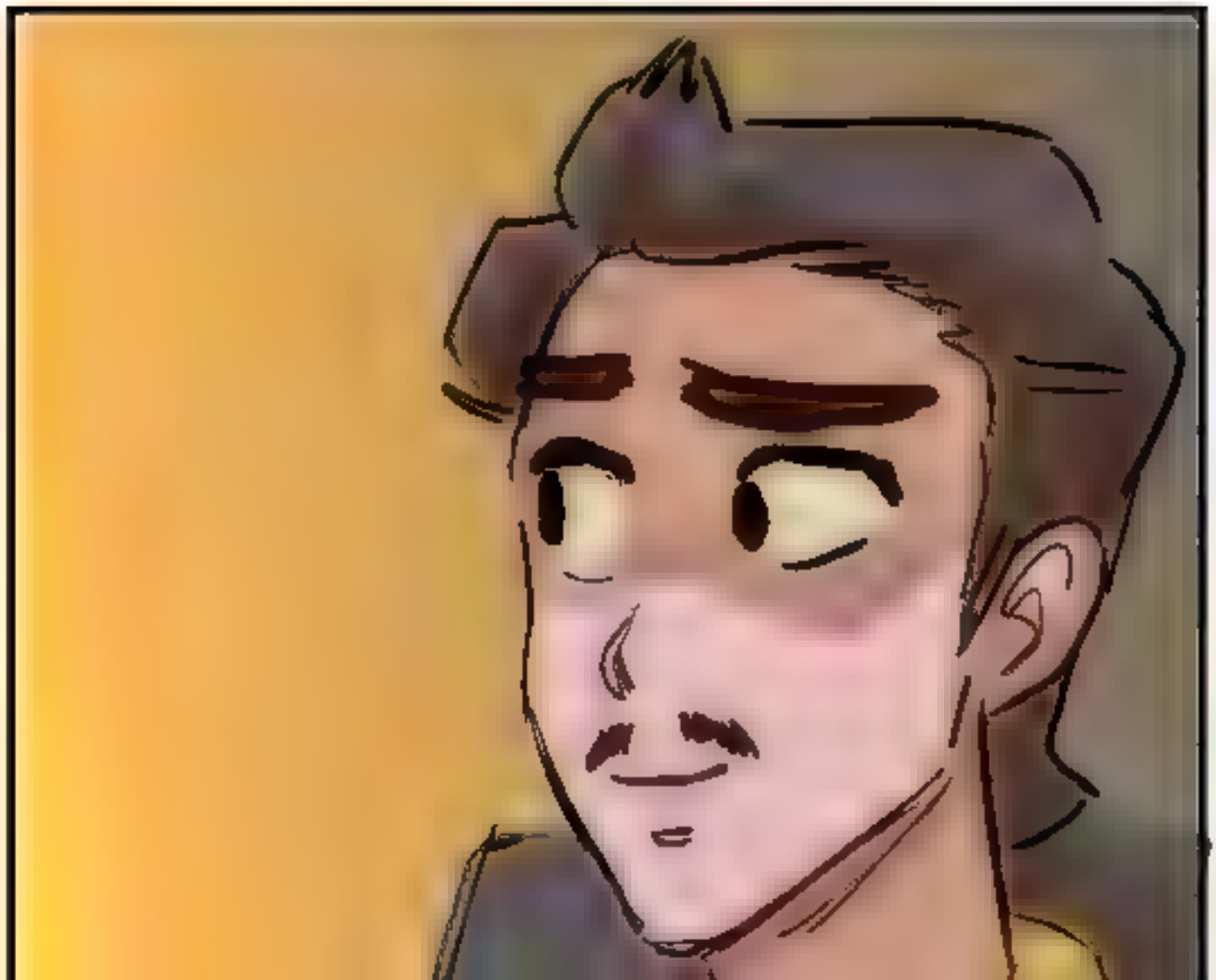
I-I
GOTTA GO
NOW!!!

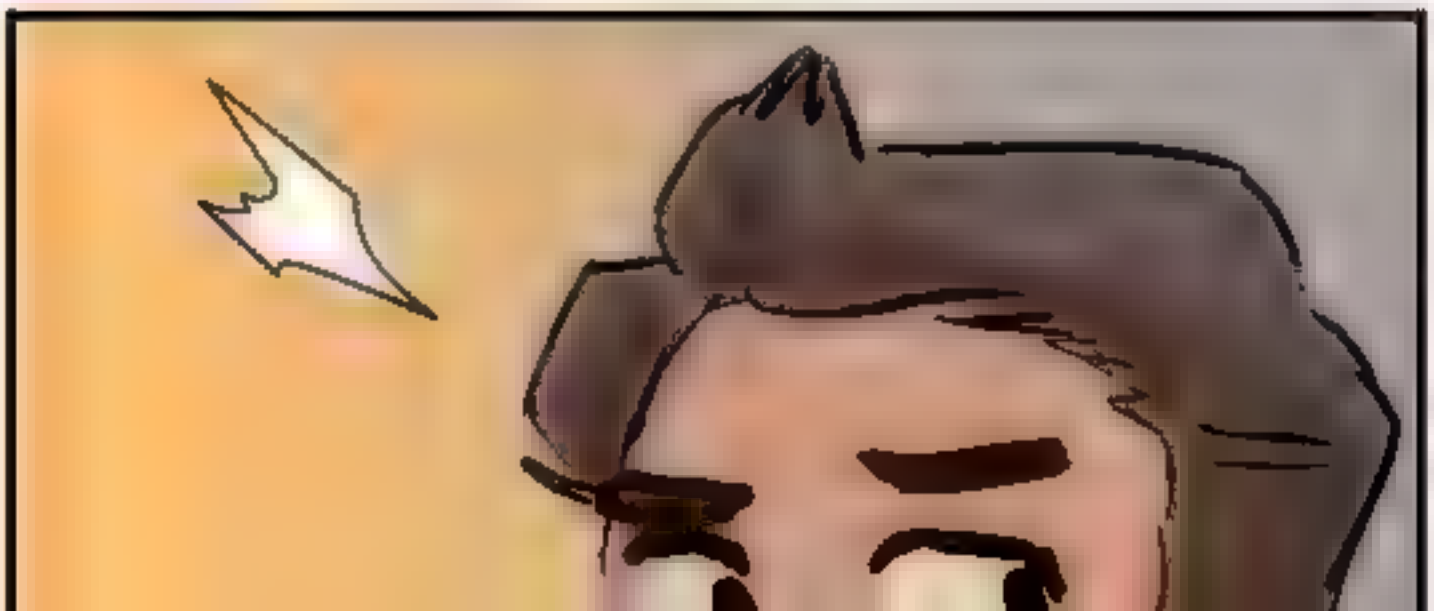
SYL!

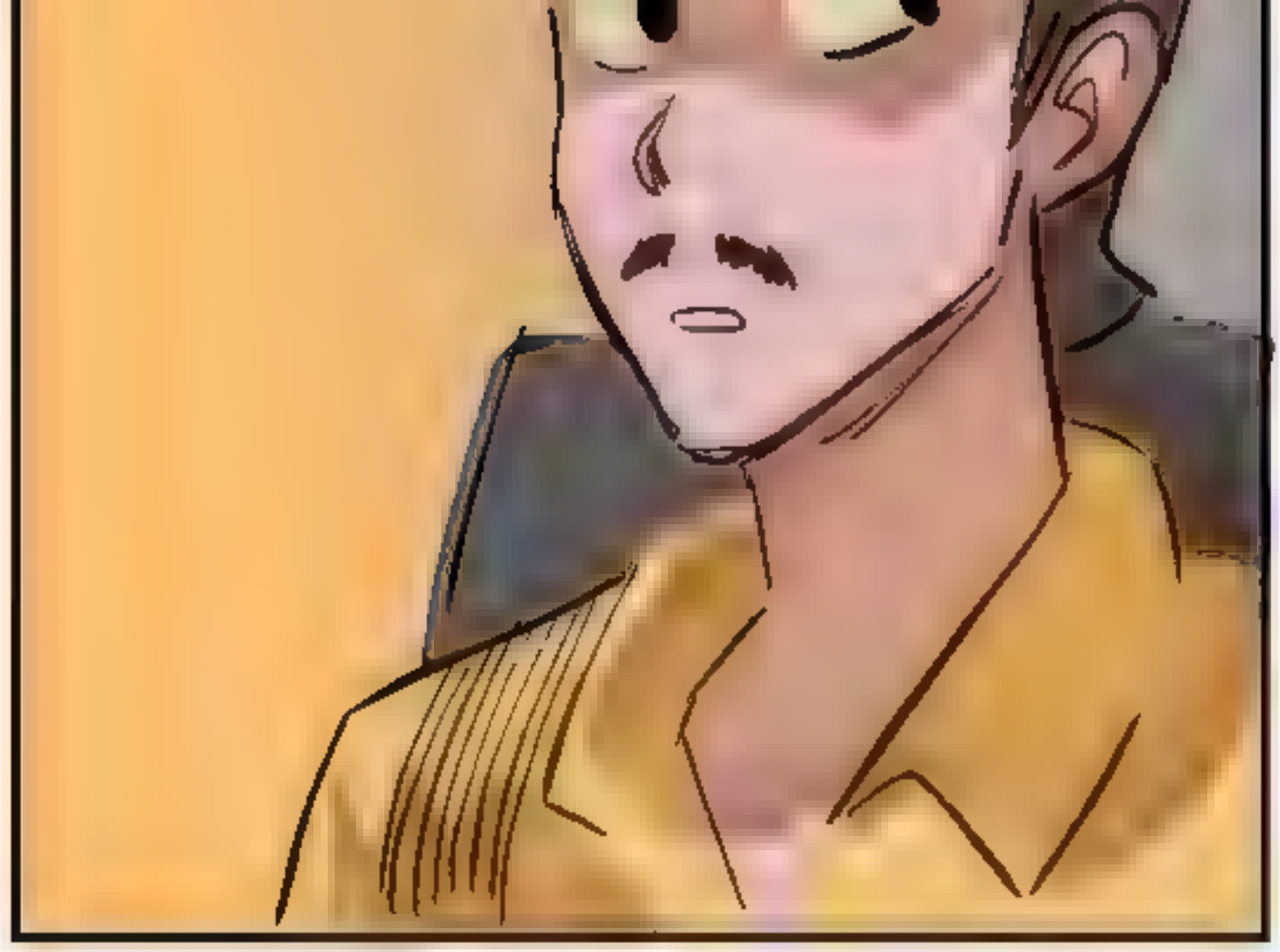
WE HAD BEST MAKE HASTE!

DON'T FORGET TO TAKE IT ALL IN.
THIS MIGHT BE THE LAST TIME YOU REMEMBER SEEING THIS PLACE.

LET'S GO.
GRAB







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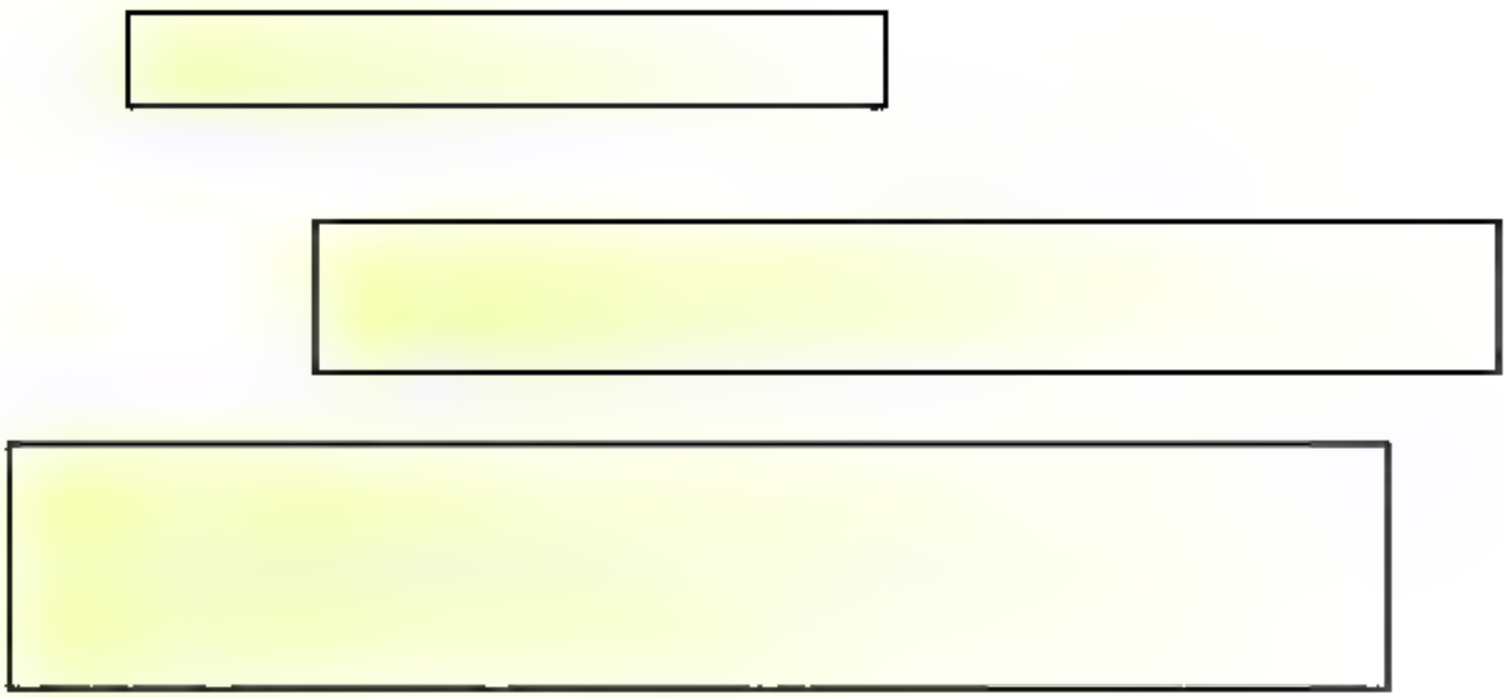
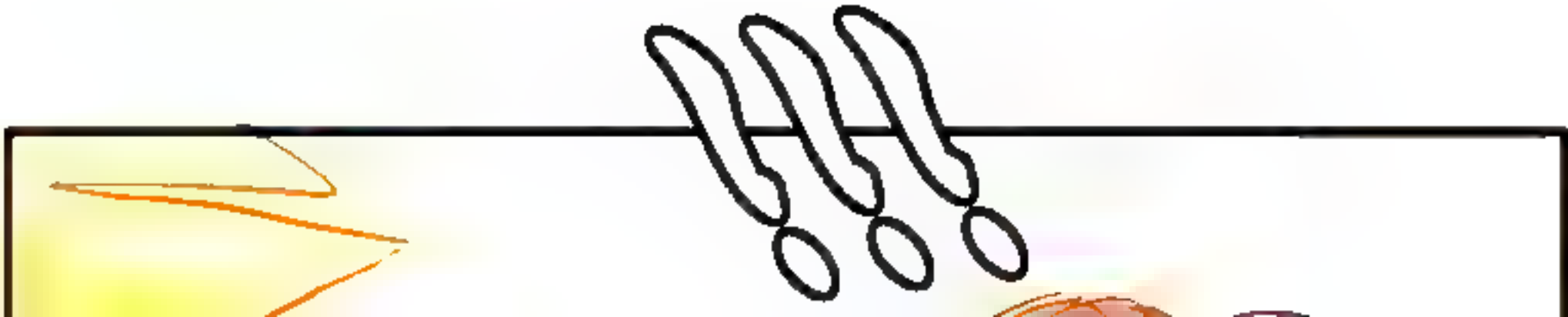
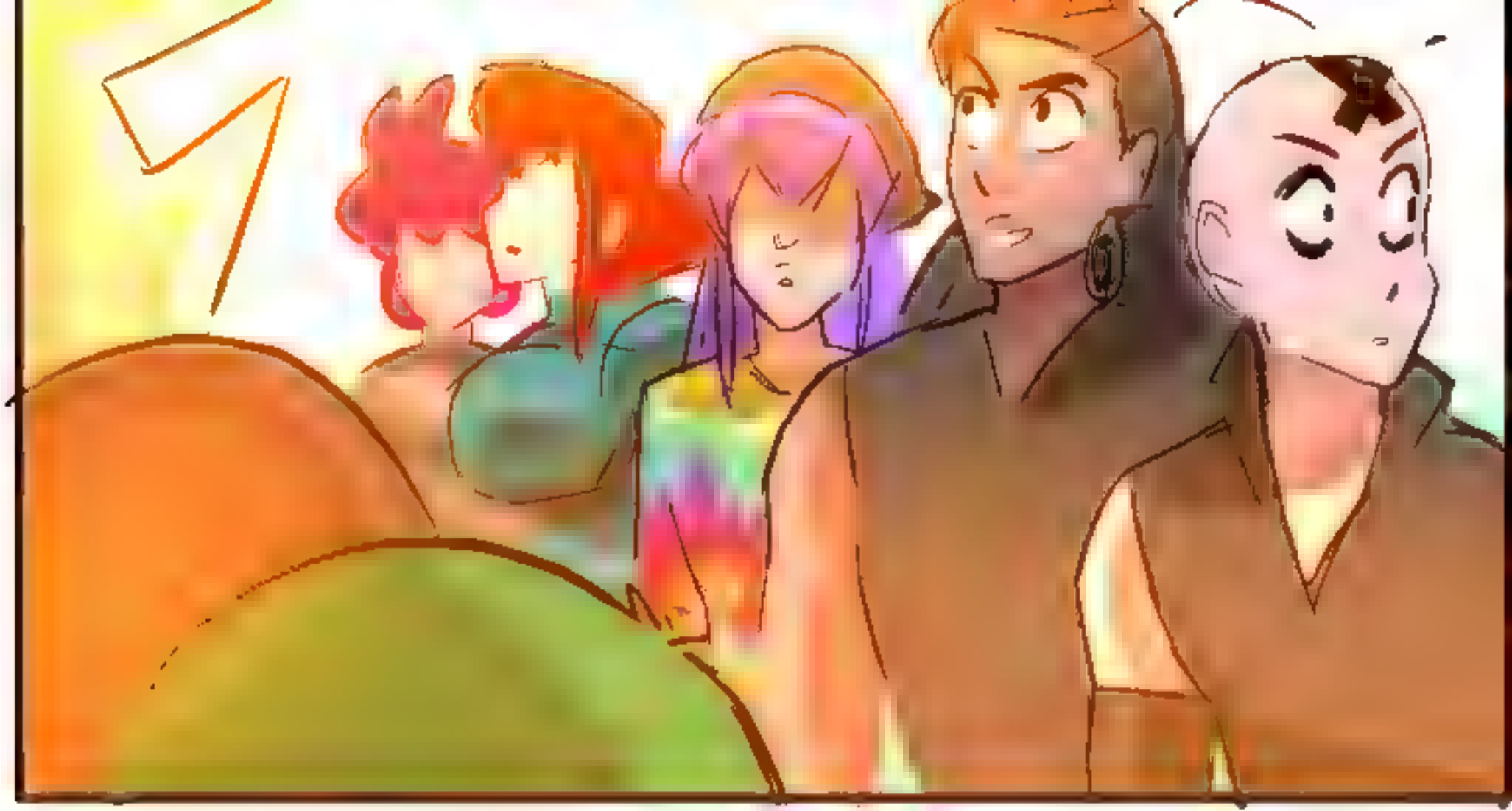
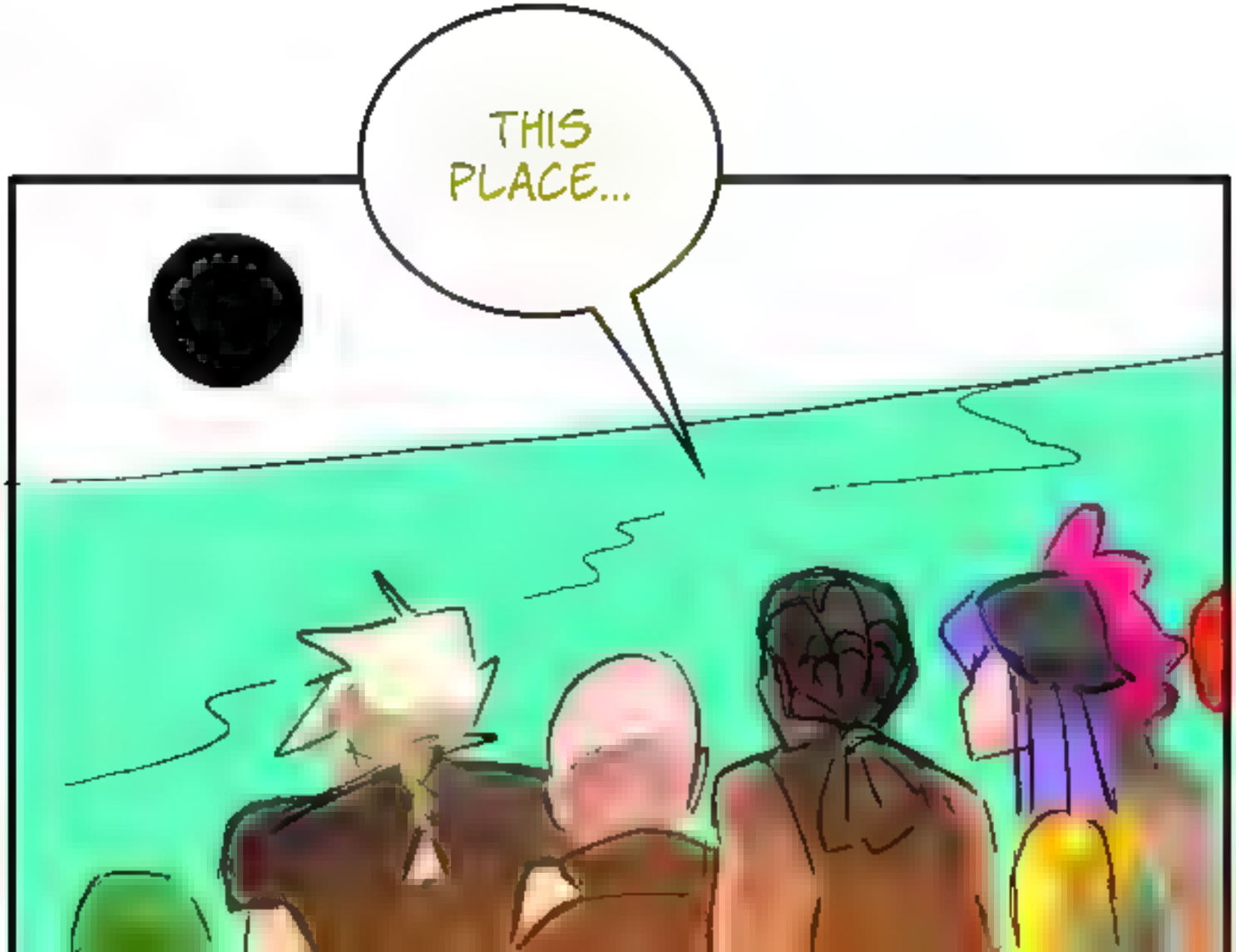
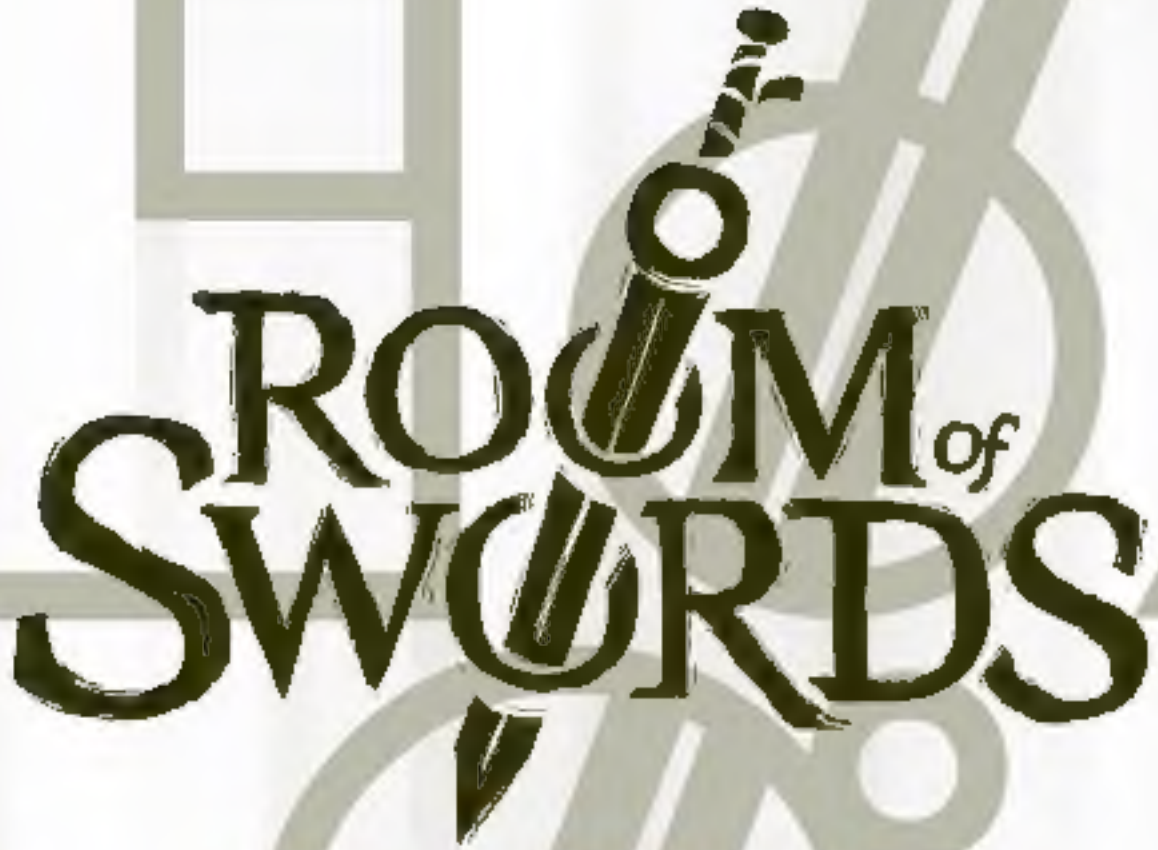







THIS PLACE...

IS
AWESOME!!



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